

United States' Geoff Cameron lies on the pitch after Belgium defeated the USA 2-1 in extra time to advance to the quarterfinals during the World Cup round of 16 soccer match between Belgium and the USA at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador, Brazil, Tuesday, July 1, 2014. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez) Aruba Today Sports: Page 17

Fringe parties skew EU Parliament

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BRUSSELS (AP) — It is more raucous, more anti-immigration and more skeptical of the European Union: Welcome to the 28-nation bloc's new Parliament. Expressing resurgent nationalist sentiments and distrust with how the EU is run, voters in May handed almost one in three seats to parties seeking to slash its powers: Some want tough immigration curbs and to re-erect borders, others

can to free ourselves from this corrupt institution."

Nuttall and his peers used to be radical voices on the fringe of the political mainstream, but that very concept was shattered by the May 27 elections, when voters disappointed by the EU and persistently high unemployment across the bloc handed former fringe parties resounding victories. UKIP and France's far-right National Front came in first in their countries.

The European Parliament

lawmakers, however, will not only make debates livelier but will also have an impact on policies as leaders scratch their heads seeking to reconnect with an ever more disenchanted European electorate.

"There is a backlash," said Janis A. Emmanouilidis, senior policy analyst with the Brussels-based European Policy Center think-tank. "Now everybody only talks about better implementing existing policies, but there is great caution regarding



Eurosceptic members of the European Parliament, turn their back as an orchestra performs the European anthem in the European parliament in Strasbourg, eastern France, Tuesday, July 1, 2014, on the inaugural day of the session, after general elections in the 27 countries of the European Union.

(AP Photo/Christian Lutz)

seek to dismantle the euro currency or want to see their country leaving the union altogether.

In the European Parliament's constituting plenary session Tuesday in France's Strasbourg, lawmakers from Britain's Euroskeptic, anti-immigration UK Independence Party turned their backs on the assembly while an orchestra performed the European anthem, part of Beethoven's ninth symphony.

"National democracy and EU membership are incompatible," thundered the freshly elected UKIP lawmaker Paul Nuttall.

"We will do everything we

was long derided as a mere talking shop, but it has steadily gained power and its approval is now needed for all major EU legislation — ranging from financial market regulation to decisions on how big warning signs on cigarette packs have to be.

But the Parliament's 751 lawmakers fall short of the clout of national legislatures in two important ways: They cannot propose new laws — a role that the EU's executive Commission fulfills — and it has only limited say over the EU's budget, whose outlines are decided by the EU governments. The 200-odd euroskeptic

any further steps of EU-integration," he said.

In the European Parliament, however, their political clout is diluted by the fact that they have very different agendas — with some of them being as suspicious of each other as they all are toward the EU's powers.

UKIP seeks to make its lawmakers "redundant" by pushing Britain to leave the EU, France's National Front seeks the abolishment of the euro currency shared by 18 nations and advocates re-erecting national borders to crack down on immigration. □

LATIN AMERICAN BRIEFS

Colombia extradites 7 in DEA killing

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Seven Colombians accused of involvement in the stabbing death of a U.S. drug agent have been handed over to American authorities. The men were delivered to U.S. officials Tuesday at a police base in the capital city of Bogota. The men have been indicted in the U.S. on charges that they murdered 43-year-old DEA agent James "Terry" Watson in Bogota. Authorities say they posed as taxi drivers, and were trying to take Watson on what's called a "millionaire's ride," in which criminals force victims to remove cash from ATMs. U.S. and Colombian officials believe the 2013 killing was unrelated to Watson's drug enforcement role. The suspects are expected to stand trial in Virginia. Their families are protesting that they did not have an opportunity to say goodbye to the men.

Brazil's 1st black justice steps down

SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazil's first and only black top court justice presided over his last session as president of the Supreme Court on Tuesday. Fifty-nine-year-old Joaquim Barbosa announced his early retirement one month ago. Barbosa presided over a high-profile corruption trial in 2012 that sent more than 20 people to jail in a congressional payoff scheme. Because of the trial, Barbosa became a household name in Brazil and he was frequently mentioned as a potential presidential candidate. But he's said he has no desire to run for elective office. Barbosa was appointed to the court in 2003 by then-President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. He became the first black on the court in a country where more than half the 192 million people identify themselves as having African descent.

Soldiers kill 22 at Mexico warehouse

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Soldiers killed 22 people at a warehouse in central Mexico state this week in a shootout that also left a soldier injured, the Defense Department said. The department said in a brief statement that soldiers were patrolling the town of Tlataya when they came across a warehouse being guarded by armed men, who opened fire on the troops. Twenty-one men and one woman were killed in the shootout and soldiers rescued three women who said they had been kidnapped, it said. Soldier also seized 22 automatic rifles, two shotguns, 13 handguns, a hand grenade and dozens of round of ammunition.

Brazil: \$4.5M of smuggled art found

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazilian authorities have discovered a cache of \$4.5 million worth of art hidden in moving containers sent from Florida. The country's Federal Revenue Service said this week that a total of 20 artworks bought in auctions and from galleries abroad were hiding mostly among the belongings of a 75-year-old Brazilian woman. Officials said they suspect a company used her move as a front to evade taxes.

The works are by contemporary artists such as Brazil's Beatriz Milhazes, as well as Otavio and Gustavo Pandolfo, known as "The Twins."

A second container had a sculpture by acclaimed Sergio de Camargo that is valued at \$900,000, said a news statement by the government agency.

Envoy says Iraq cannot wait for U.S. military aid

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraq is increasingly turning to other governments like Iran, Russia and Syria to help beat back a rampant insurgency because it cannot wait for additional American military aid, Baghdad's top envoy to the U.S. said Tuesday.

Such an alliance could test the Obama administration's influence overseas and raise risks for the U.S. as some of its main global opponents consider joining forces.

Moreover, such a partnership could also solidify a Shiite-led crescent across much of the Mideast at a time when the Sunni-led insurgency in Iraq is trying to create an Islamic state through the region.

Iraqi Ambassador Lukman Faily stopped short of describing enduring military relationships with any of the other nations that are offering to help Iraq fight the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

And he said Baghdad would prefer to work with the U.S.

But Faily said delays in U.S. aid have forced Iraq to seek help elsewhere. He also called on the U.S. to launch targeted airstrikes as a "crucial" step against the insurgency.

So far, the Obama administration has resisted airstrikes in Iraq but has not ruled them out. Despite a constitutional deadline to name a new parliament speaker, minority Sunni and Kurdish lawmakers walked out of the first session of the newly seated legislature on Tuesday, dashing hopes for the quick formation of a new government that could hold the country together in the face of a militant blitz. Hours later, ISIL leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi called on Muslims worldwide to join the battle and help build an Islamic state in land that the extremist group controls in Iraq and Syria. □

Kerry asks Central America for help on immigration

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PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry asked Central American nations on Tuesday to work with the Obama administration to curb a massive influx of unaccompanied children arriving in the United States illegally.

Meeting in Panama with the presidents of El Salva-

ed to resolve the cases of more than 50,000 youngsters already detained in the U.S. Kerry also urged immediate steps to address poverty and crime, thought to be underlying causes of the phenomenon.

"Tens of thousands of young children are being exploited and are being put at great danger and it is a challenge to each of us," Kerry said as he met

bated by crime, violence and poverty but blamed criminal gangs and human traffickers for encouraging naïve families to send their children north.

"The lives of children cannot be put at risk this way and we all have a responsibility and we all have a responsibility as leaders to do our part in order to solve this problem and we will," Kerry said.

on the dangers of sending their children to the United States illegally.

Among those initiatives are improving awareness of U.S. immigration laws and stepping up law enforcement but each spoke of the longer-term challenges of improving living standards in their own countries

The number of unaccompanied immigrant children



Honduran Foreign Minister, Mireya Aguero, left, Guatemalan President Otto Perez Molina, second left, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, second right and the President of El Salvador, Salvador Sanchez Ceren, right, stand during a photo opportunity before a meeting in Panama City, Tuesday, July 1, 2014.

(AP Photo/Tito Herrera, Pool)

dor and Guatemala and the foreign minister of Honduras, Kerry said the crisis has reached a "critical time" and that urgent concerted action was needed.

He called it a "very complicated issue" exacerbated

The Central American officials echoed Kerry's dire comments and each spoke of programs their governments were putting in place to educate families

picked up along the border has been rising for three years as they fled pervasive gang violence in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. □

Conviction overturned in NYC cop cannibalism case

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NEW YORK (AP) — A former New York Police Department officer was set to leave jail on Tuesday after a judge overturned his conviction in a bizarre case accusing him of plotting to kidnap, kill and eat young women.

Judge Paul Gardephe ruled late Monday that there was insufficient evidence to support a jury's guilty verdict in the kidnap-

ping conspiracy conviction of Gilberto Valle. His lawyers had argued that the alleged plots were really fantasy online role play that never put anyone in harm's way.

Valle — dubbed by the tabloids as the "Cannibal Cop" — smiled at his family and hugged his lawyers in court on Tuesday. The judge set bail at \$100,000 and ordered home detention for the defendant after prosecutors told him they

intended to appeal his ruling. "The government believes the jury got it right," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Hadassa Waxman.

Valle was convicted in March 2013 on the conspiracy charge — which carries a possible life term — and a misdemeanor count of illegally accessing a law enforcement database. He was expected to be released from jail later Tuesday and stay on home detention until he's sen-

tenced.

Valle, 40, "is guilty of nothing more than very unconventional thoughts," one of his attorneys, Julia Gatto, said outside court. "We don't put people in jail for their thoughts. We are not the thought police."

A jury had concluded he wasn't just fantasizing when he conversed online with others he had never met about killing and cooking his wife and others in a cannibalism plot. □

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Ahead of July 4th, a tropical storm brews off Florida

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SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP)

— With the July Fourth weekend on the horizon, the Atlantic hurricane season's first named storm plodded off Florida's

weather and one eye on the events this weekend," said Joe Marinelli, president of Visit Savannah, the city's tourism bureau.

A tropical storm watch was in effect for a swath of Florida's east coast. The

organized and predicted it would become a hurricane by Thursday.

On Tuesday evening, forecasters said the storm was meandering about 80 miles (130 km) off the coast of Cape Canaveral,

to Arthur — the sky was cloudy and winds fairly normal, said Eisen Witcher, assistant chief of Brevard County Ocean Rescue.

Red flags warned of rough surf, and beachgoers were advised to get into the water only in areas with staffed lifeguard stands. But overall, Witcher said, "it's business as usual."

Red flags also flew at Daytona Beach. By mid-day, a dozen swimmers had been aided by lifeguards when they got caught in a rip current. On any given day, 15 to 20 swimmers need help, said Tammy Marris, spokeswoman for the Volusia County Beach Patrol. Near the storm, 19 ill crew members were evacuated from a South Korean cargo ship after they showed signs of food poisoning. The cargo ship JS Comet was anchored three miles off Cape Canaveral, and the Coast Guard reported that deteriorating weather conditions were one factor in the decision to evacuate. Outside Florida, there were no official storm watches warnings, but

forecasters started to warn of upcoming rain, heavy surf and swells, and rip tides.

In North Carolina's Outer Banks, officials said they would close Cape Lookout National Seashore at 5 p.m. Wednesday and reopen when it's safe.

The motel Shutters on the Banks was completely booked for the holiday weekend, general manager John Zeller said, despite forecasts for potentially heavy rain, gusty winds and isolated tornadoes late Thursday and Friday. "We have received some cancellations but not too many," he said. "Basically we are telling people to kind of wait and see what happens." The motel has a 72-hour advance notice on cancellations, but Zeller said it will be waived if the storm tracks toward the area or warnings are issued. In Folly Beach, South Carolina, dozens of people fished from the pier under sunny skies Tuesday. Others surfed on gentle swells, sunbathed and looked for shells. □



A medium hazard flag warns beachgoers to be cautious of moderate surf and currents, in Miami, Tuesday, July 1, 2014. Tropical Storm Arthur has formed off the central Florida coast, becoming the first named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season. The National Hurricane Center in Miami says a tropical storm watch is in effect for the state's east coast, from Fort Pierce to Flagler Beach.

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

coast Tuesday, though Arthur wasn't yet spooking too many in the storm's potential path.

"I think everybody's keeping one eye on the

National Hurricane Center urged those as far north as parts of Virginia to monitor Tropical Storm Arthur's path. The center said Arthur was becoming better

moving about 5 mph (7kph) with maximum sustained winds about 40 mph (65 kph).

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US dockworkers' contract expires, trade continues



Shipping containers line the Port of Long Beach in Long Beach, Calif. The contract that keeps thousands of dockworkers on the job at West Coast ports from San Diego to Seattle is expiring, but don't expect a disruption in the billions of dollars of trade that crosses the waterfront — at least not yet. (AP Photo/Noaki Schwartz)

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The contract that keeps thousands of dockworkers on the job at West Coast ports from San Diego to Seattle is expiring, but don't expect a disruption in the billions of dollars of trade that crosses the waterfront — at least not yet. Both the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and the association that represents shipping lines and terminal operators at 29 ports have promised to keep negotiating past 5 p.m. Tuesday (0000 GMT Wednesday), when the current six-year contract ends.

Indeed, no resolution is expected for weeks, with tough issues including whether workers should shoulder more of the hefty cost of health care yet to be resolved.

As talks drag out, jitters will grow among the companies that last year imported or exported nearly \$900 billion worth of cargo across the West Coast waterfront.

The Pacific Maritime Association has said that labor peace is essential to keeping West Coast ports competitive, especially with larger vessels able to sail from Asia directly to East Coast markets once

an expansion of the Panama Canal is completed. In 2002, as negotiations reached an impasse, employers locked dockworkers out for 10 days, costing the U.S. economy an estimated \$1 billion each day. The economic damage from a work stoppage now would be about \$2 billion per day, according to a recent analysis by groups representing retailers and manufacturers.

"If operations are shuttered for an extended period, the detrimental economic impact would be significant and widespread," wrote the authors of the report, which was issued last week and commissioned by the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Retail Federation.

Aside from health care, other issues on the bargaining table include what jobs will remain under union control, the introduction of technology that could eliminate the need for some jobs, and workplace safety.

Both sides are abiding by a media blackout and not publicly discussing negotiations, which began in mid-May in San Francisco, where both the union and maritime association are based. □

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Strong US auto sales surprise in June

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DETROIT (AP) — U.S. auto sales grew at the fastest pace in eight years in June, surprising the industry and setting it up for a strong second half of the year. Sales rose 1.2 percent over last June to 1.4 million cars and trucks, according to Autodata Corp. GM, Toyota, Hyundai and Nissan all saw increases over last June. Honda sales were flat, while sales at Ford and Volkswagen were down. June's annualized sales rate — which estimates annual sales if they stayed at the same pace every month — was 16.98 million. That was the fastest pace since July 2006 and higher even than May, which also surprised the industry with its strength.

Jesse Toprak, an auto analyst for the car buying site Cars.com, said buyers are out because of low interest rates, a strong stock market — which improves confidence — and great new vehicles. An easing in lend-

ing standards is also adding more potential buyers to the market.

"We're getting set up on a very good footing for the second half of the year," Toprak said. "The last two months have exceeded expectations, which tells us that the consumer demand is very strong."

Toprak said he may increase his annual sales forecast from 16.1 million vehicles to 16.3 million based on May and June sales. That compares with 15.6 million vehicles sold in the U.S. last year.

May sales were helped by five sunny weekends and the Memorial Day holiday, which got June off to a slow start. But Ford's U.S. sales chief John Felice said sales picked up at the end of last month as automakers started promoting Independence Day sales.

Analysts saw plenty to like in June. Forecasting firm LMC Automotive said automakers are carefully balancing production with demand, which has helped

them maintain profits and cut back on big incentives that can eventually hurt resale values.

TrueCar estimated incentive spending rose 1.6 percent in June to an average of \$2,735 per vehicle. Both GM and Nissan lowered incentives by 12 percent from last June.

While incentives may be lower, buyers are taking advantage of good lease offers and low interest rates. The average interest rate for a 60-month new car loan is 3.18 percent. Three years ago, that was closer to 5.5 percent, according to Bankrate.com. GM's sales were up 1 percent over last June despite a continuing parade of recalls. GM's total safety recalls for the year reached 29 million vehicles on Monday, when the automaker announced six new recalls of 8.4 million cars. Two of those recalls were for ignition switch problems, the same issue that began the company's recall crisis in February. □



Jerry Drury works on a truck engine assembly line at Volvo Trucks' powertrain manufacturing facility in Hagerstown, Md. The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing managers, issued its index of manufacturing activity for May on Tuesday, July 1, 2014.

(AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

US manufacturers expanded in June but more slowly

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. manufacturing grew in June for the 13th straight month. But the pace of the expansion slowed from May.

The Institute for Supply Management said Tuesday that its manufacturing index dipped to 55.3 in June from 55.4 in May. Any reading higher than 50 signals that manufacturing is growing.

The trade group of purchasing managers said that orders rose at a faster pace last month compared with May. But growth in production and exports slowed. A measure of employment shows that factories added jobs for the 12th straight month; the pace of hiring last month was the same as in May.

Fifteen of 18 manufacturing industries grew in June, led by furniture makers and mineral producers. Textile, chemical, and plastics and rubber manufacturing contracted in June.

Last week, the Commerce Department reported that orders for U.S. durable goods fell 1 percent in May, dragged down by a

drop in demand for military equipment. Excluding defense-related goods, orders rose. And in a good sign for future business investment, orders for core capital goods rose 0.7 percent.

Increased spending by businesses would give the economy some momentum after it got off to a bad start this year: The U.S. economy shrank at a 2.9 percent annual rate from January through March. But economists blame the first-quarter drop on an unusually bitter winter and a sharp reduction in businesses' inventories. They expect economic growth to rebound to an annual pace of 3 percent the second half of 2014.

The job market has been steadily improving. Employers added 200,000 jobs in May for the fourth straight month, longest such stretch since 1999. Factories added 10,000 jobs in May.

In a research note, analysts at Stone McCarthy Research Associates said the ISM survey's employment measure is "consistent with further gains in manufacturing payrolls." □



Assembly line workers build a 2015 Chrysler 200 automobile at the Sterling Heights Assembly Plant in Sterling Heights, Mich. Chrysler's U.S. auto sales jumped 9 percent in June on strong sales of the new Jeep Cherokee SUV and other models, the company reported, Tuesday, July 1, 2014.

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US Financial Front:

American construction spending up 0.1 percent in May

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. construction spending barely increased in May as gains in spending on non-residential projects such as office buildings and public construction were largely offset by a big drop in home building.

The back-to-back gain followed a period of weakness in which spending fell in both January and February and was flat in March. The construction industry has struggled with an unusually severe winter which curtailed building activity in many regions. Construction activity to-

all, housing construction is up 7.5 percent from a year ago. Non-residential construction rose 1.1 percent, led by a 4.3 percent rise in construction of power generating facilities. Construction of office buildings was up slightly but spending on hotels and the category that covers shopping cen-

cline since the first quarter of 2009 during the depths of the Great Recession.

The sharp downturn reflected not just bad weather but a decision by businesses to slow restocking of empty shelves and trim their capital spending on equipment. Additionally, the trade deficit widened in the first quarter, which also held economic activity back.

But analysts believe all of those developments were temporary and will be reversed in the current April-June quarter.

They had been expecting a rebound to growth as high as 4 percent in the second quarter, but dis-

appointing results so far in consumer spending have caused them to trim back their forecasts, with many now looking for growth of around 3 percent, still a significant improvement from the sharp contraction in the first quarter.

Sales of both new and existing homes showed gains in May, providing evidence that housing is regaining lost momentum following a weak second half of last year when sales were hurt by a rise in mortgage rates and the lack of adequate supplies of new homes and then a harsh winter, which dampened demand further. □



Cranes fill the skyline at the Brickell City Center construction site located in the center of the Brickell financial district in downtown Miami. The project is mixed use office, residential, hotel, retail and entertainment space. The Commerce Department reported on U.S. construction spending in May on Tuesday, July 1, 2014.

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

Construction spending edged up 0.1 percent in May after a much stronger 0.8 percent April increase, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday.

taled \$958.1 billion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate in May, up 6.6 percent from a year ago.

Economists are forecasting that housing and overall construction will regain momentum in coming months, helping to boost overall economic growth.

However, housing suffered a setback in April, falling 1.5 percent. Single-family home construction was down 1.4 percent while apartment construction dropped 0.6 percent. Over-

ters both showed declines. Spending on government projects rose 1 percent with a 2 percent jump in spending on state and local building projects offsetting an 8.9 percent decline in spending by the federal government on building projects.

A slump in construction in the winter contributed to the economy shrinking at an annual rate of 2.9 percent in the January-March quarter, the biggest de-



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New York City police to subway acrobats: Take a seat

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The underground acrobats who flip, somersault and pole-

dance among New York City subway riders as trains roll are drawing a new audience — police officers. The New York Police Department is cracking down

on the subway showmen who use the tight quarters of the nation's busiest transit system as moving stages for impromptu — and illegal — pass-the-hat per-

formances. More than 240 people have been arrested on misdemeanors related to acrobatics so far this year, compared with fewer than 40 at this time a year ago.

Police Commissioner William Bratton acknowledges he is targeting subway acrobats as part of his embrace of the "broken windows" theory of policing — that low-grade lawlessness can cultivate a greater sense of disorder and embolden more dangerous offenders.

"Is it a significant crime? Certainly not," Bratton said recently. But the question is, he added, "Does it have the potential both for creating a level of fear as well as a level of risk that you want to deal with?"

The subway acrobats say they're just out to entertain, make a living and put a little communal levity in New York's no-eye-contact commuting.

"We just try to go inside the train and change the vibe," said a performer named Besnkheru, who, because of the crackdown, spoke on the condition that his full name not be used.

Hopping on and off trains one recent afternoon, Besnkheru sang to amplified recordings ranging from Michael Jackson to Latin jazz while his performance partner, Domingo, danced, clowned and used the car's bars and poles like playground equipment. Sometimes, he dangled upside down with his head within a foot or two of a rider's face.

The pair got some glares but many smiles — some from passengers who initially seemed determined not to look — and several dollars.

"It's such a part of New York culture," said rider Joli

Tribuzio, an actress.

Other passengers resent becoming a captive audience. "I don't like all that action right in front of my face," rider Kesia Hudson said. Police believe most riders agree with Hudson. Though no injuries have been reported, they also insist the showmanship is a safety issue.

"If the dancers make a mistake, someone could get hurt," said Chief Joseph Fox, head of the NYPD's Transit Bureau.

Police have studied passenger complaints to determine when and where to put plainclothes officers on trains to nab acrobats. The arrests are usually uneventful but can turn nasty. An acrobat who was being arrested spit on one officer and tried to bite another.

"No matter how you look at it, it's dangerous," Fox said. "It's dangerous for us, too."

Two decades ago during Bratton's previous stint as commissioner, his "broken windows" crackdowns targeted public drinking, panhandling and most notably the squeegee men who sprang out at intersections to wash windcreens. This time, the department has targeted illegal motorcycles, graffiti and the acrobats.

Andrew "Goofy" Saunders and some friends started doing routines on trains in 2007, hoping to make \$10 to enter a dance competition. Seven years later, the group — W.A.F.F.L.E., for We Are Family For Life Entertainment — has a shoe-brand sponsor and has been booked for music videos, parties, even a wedding.

"We're not just knuckleheads. ... We're actually about something," said Saunders, 20. □



Marc Mack, 8, a member with the dance troupe W.A.F.F.L.E., performs on a subway, in New York. Police Commissioner William Bratton's department "broken window" crackdown has targeted illegal motorcycles, graffiti and the subway acrobats.

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)



Dashawn Martin, center, a member with the dance troupe W.A.F.F.L.E., which stands for We Are Family For Life Entertainment, performs on a subway, in New York. The subway acrobats said they're just out to entertain, make a living and put a little communal levity in New York's no-eye-contact commuting.

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

Militant leader urges Muslims to build Islamic state

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — The leader of the extremist group that has overrun parts of Iraq and Syria has called on Muslims around the world to flock to territories under his control to fight and build an Islamic state.

In a recording posted online Tuesday, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi declared he wants to turn the enclave his fighters have carved out in the heart of the Middle East into a magnet for militants. He also presented himself as the leader of Islam worldwide, urging Muslims everywhere to rise up against oppression.

The audio message came two days after al-Baghdadi's group, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, unilaterally declared the establishment of an Islamic state, or caliphate, in the land it controls. It also proclaimed al-Baghdadi the caliph, and demanded that all Muslims around the world pledge allegiance to him.

His group's forceful seizure of territory and its grand pronouncement of a caliphate have transformed the Iraqi-born al-Baghdadi into one of the leading figures of the global jihadi movement, perhaps even eclipsing al-Qaida chief Ayman al-Zawahiri.

The blitz across Iraq has pushed the death toll there to levels unseen since the worst sectarian bloodletting in 2006 during the U.S. occupation. The United Nations said Tuesday that more than 2,400 Iraqis were killed last month. That tally would make June the deadliest month in Iraq since at least April 2005, when The Associated Press began tracking casualty figures there.

After melting away in the initial onslaught, Iraq's military and security forces have regrouped and managed to stem the tide at the outskirts of Shiite-dominated regions. The country's political leaders, however, have been unable to bridge their differences to confront the militant threat, and failed again in

parliament Tuesday.

In his 19-minute address, al-Baghdadi said the Islamic state was a land for all Muslims regardless of nationality, telling them it "will return your dignity, might, rights and leadership."

"It is a state where the Arab and non-Arab, the white man and black man, the easterner and westerner are all brothers," he said, trying to broaden his base beyond the Middle East. "Muslims, rush to your state. Yes, it is your state. Rush, because Syria is not for the Syrians, and Iraq is not for the Iraqis. The Earth is Allah's."

To help build that state, he appealed to those with practical skills — scholars, judges, doctors, engineers, former soldiers and people with administrative expertise — to "answer the dire need of the Muslims for them."

He also urged militants to escalate fighting in the holy month of Ramadan, which began Sunday.

"In this virtuous month or in any other month, there is no deed better than jihad in the path of Allah, so take advantage of this opportunity and walk the path of your righteous predecessors," he said. "So, to arms, to arms, soldiers of the Islamic state, fight, fight."



This undated image posted by the Raqqa Media Center, a Syrian opposition group, on Monday, June 30, 2014, which has been verified and is consistent with other AP reporting, shows fighters from the al-Qaida linked Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) during a parade in Raqqa, Syria. Militants from an al-Qaida splinter group held a military parade in their stronghold in north-eastern Syria, displaying U.S.-made Humvees, heavy machine guns, and missiles captured from the Iraqi army for the first time since taking over large parts of the Iraq-Syria border.

(AP Photo/Raqqa Media Center)

In an appeal to Muslims worldwide, he said: "The time has come for you to free yourself from the

shackles of weakness, and stand in the face of tyranny."

The message was posted on militant websites where the group has issued statements before, and the voice resembled that on other recordings said to be

by al-Baghdadi, who has rarely been photographed or appeared in public.

Al-Baghdadi's group has already attracted jihadi fighters from across the Arab world, the Caucasus and extremists from Europe and some from the U.S. □

Pro-Russian rebels capture police HQ in Ukraine

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Associated Press

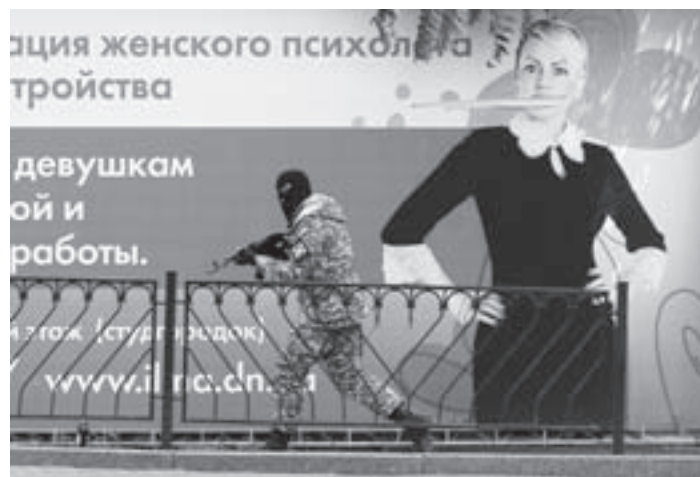
DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)

— The Interior Ministry headquarters in eastern Ukraine's largest city fell to pro-Russia separatists Tuesday after a five-hour gun-battle that erupted hours after the Ukrainian president ended a cease-fire.

The shaky cease-fire had given European leaders 10 days to search for a peaceful settlement, and its end raised the prospect that fighting could flare with new intensity in a conflict that has already killed more than 400 people since April.

In Tuesday's clashes, rebels fought for more ground, and badly trained and disorganized government troops seemed incapable of crushing the mutiny.

President Petro Poroshenko had called a unilateral cease-fire to try to



A pro-Russian fighter runs past a huge poster during fighting near a regional police department in downtown Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, Tuesday, July 1, 2014. Ukraine renewed its attacks against armed pro-Russian separatists Tuesday after the president called off a unilateral cease-fire, carrying out air and artillery strikes against rebel positions in eastern Ukraine.

(AP Photo/Dmitry Lovetsky)

persuade the rebels to lay down their weapons and hold peace talks.

Some of the rebels signed onto the break in fighting as tentative negotiations began, but each side accused the other of re-

peated violations. When he ended the cease-fire, the president said the rebels were not serious about peace.

In Moscow, Russian President Vladimir Putin argued that substantive talks with

representatives in eastern Ukraine had failed to start in earnest and that the cease-fire announced by Poroshenko amounted to an ultimatum to the rebels to disarm.

The Russian leader also denounced the Western threat of sanctions as blackmail, adding that Moscow wouldn't accept "ultimatums and mentor's tone."

Europe must not allow "any unconstitutional coups and interference into the domestic affairs of sovereign states" and should steer clear of "inciting radical and neo-Nazi forces" to avoid destabilization, Putin said.

Russia has cast February's ouster of Ukraine's former pro-Moscow president following massive protests as a coup conducted by radical nationalists and neo-Nazis. □

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As Israel buries teens, new threats against Hamas

JOSEF FEDERMAN

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's

prime minister threatened Tuesday to take even tougher action against

Hamas following an intense wave of airstrikes in the Gaza Strip, as the country

buried three Israeli teens it says were kidnapped and killed by the Islamic militant group.

In comments broadcast live on national television, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his first goal is to find the killers of the three teens. "We will not rest until we reach the last of them," he said.

But a broader mission is to act against Hamas in its Gaza stronghold, the Israeli leader said as he convened an emergency meeting of his Security Cabinet to discuss a response to the deadly abductions.

"Hamas continues to support, even at this time, the kidnappings of our citizens and is directly responsible for firing rockets and mortars at our territory, including in recent hours," Netanyahu said.

"If there is a need, we will

broaden the campaign as much as needed."

The three teenagers — Eyal Yifrah, 19, Gilad Shaar, 16, and Naftali Fraenkel, a 16-year-old with dual Israeli-American citizenship — disappeared on the night of June 12 as they were hitchhiking home from Jewish seminaries they attended in the West Bank.

The abductions sparked Israel's broadest ground operation in the West Bank in nearly a decade, with the military deploying thousands of troops in a frantic search for the youths. Accusing Hamas of being behind the abductions, it also launched a massive crackdown against the group's West Bank infrastructure.

The manhunt came to a grim end on Monday when searchers discovered the teens' bodies under a pile of rocks in a field near the city of Hebron, a few miles from where they disappeared.

The plight of the teens captured the nation's attention, and the discovery of their bodies prompted an outpouring of grief. An estimated 50,000 mourners attended Tuesday's funeral in the central Israeli city of Modiin, arriving in hundreds of buses organized for the occasion.

"This day has spontaneously turned into a national day of mourning," Netanyahu said in his eulogy as the three bodies, wrapped in blue-and-white Israeli flags and laid out on stretchers were laid to rest side-by-side.

Earlier, hundreds of people had headed to the teens' hometowns for separate memorial services. □



Family and friends of Eyal Yifrah, Gilad Shaar, and Naftali Fraenkel, three Israeli teenagers who were abducted over two weeks ago mourn over the grave of Eyal Yifrah during their funeral in Modiin, Israel, Tuesday, July 1, 2014. Tens of thousands of mourners converged Tuesday in central Israel for a funeral service for three teenagers found dead in the West Bank after a two week search and crackdown on the Hamas militant group, which Israeli leaders have accused of abducting and killing the young men.

(AP Photo/Ariel Schalit)

Eurozone:

Unemployment remains high as economy drags

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Associated Press

AMSTERDAM (AP) — A full

year since emerging from recession, the stuttering economy of the 18-country eurozone is still unable to create enough jobs to make a significant dent in the unemployment rate.

The number of unemployed people in the 18 countries that use the euro declined by a slight 28,000 in May from the previous month to 18.6 million,

the statistics office Eurostat said Tuesday. But that was not enough to bring down the jobless rate, which re-

mained at 11.6 percent.

Though the eurozone officially came out of recession in last year's second quarter, the jobless rate has fallen only by 0.4 percentage points since then.

Economists said the lack of any real improvement is troubling, despite proclamations by some European politicians that the worst of the continent's economic crisis is behind it.

"May's unemployment data highlight that the eurozone's economic recovery is still too weak to erode the significant amount of slack in the labour market,"

said Jessica Hinds of Capital Economics in a research note.

Divergence remains strong between the countries of northern and southern Europe: German unemployment was 5.1 percent, while Italy's was 12.6 percent, Spain's 25.1 percent, and Greece's 26.8 percent — though Greece is still reporting March figures.

The situation is only slightly better in the wider European Union, which includes non-euro countries like Britain and Sweden. There, the unemployment rate edged

down to 10.3 percent from 10.4 percent the month before.

By comparison, the U.S. unemployment rate was at 6.3 percent in May.

European Central Bank President Mario Draghi has said that among his greatest worries is that high unemployment in the eurozone, a problem for years, becomes entrenched. When a large part of the labor force is out of work for an extended period of time, people fail to gain new skills they need to be productive and help the economy grow. □

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Big Hong Kong democracy rally fueled by fury at Beijing

KELVIN CHAN
Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Seventeen years after taking back control of Hong Kong, China faced the biggest challenge to its authority Tuesday as tens of thousands of residents joined a march to push for democracy.

Anger at mainland China has never been greater after Beijing warned recently it holds the ultimate authority over the freewheeling capitalist enclave despite promises to allow a high degree of autonomy after British rule ended in 1997.

Police said 98,600 people joined the rally at its peak, while organizers estimated the size at 510,000. Participants had hoped to surpass the 500,000 that turned out in 2003 for the city's biggest ever demonstration to protest against

a planned anti-subversion law.

The peaceful crowds carried banners and posters urging democracy and filled half of a broad bou-

levard as they marched in sweltering heat and occasional rain through skyscraper-lined streets to the financial district. Thousands of police kept watch and

ordered the city's iconic trolleys to shut down along the boulevard to reduce overcrowding.

Some protesters chanted, "Our own government, our

own choice," while others called for the city's leader, Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying, to step down.

Some groups along the protest route sang a Cantonese song based on "Can you hear the people sing?" from the musical adaptation of Victor Hugo's novel "Les Miserables." The song, with rewritten lyrics referring to universal suffrage, has become an anthem for Hong Kong protesters. July 1, a public holiday marking the handover of Hong Kong from London to Beijing in 1997, has become an annual day of protest. This year a focal point for demonstrators' anger is a policy document, or "white paper," released last month by China's Cabinet that said Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy is not inherent but is authorized by the central government. □



Tens of thousands of people fill in a street during a march at an annual protest in downtown Hong Kong Tuesday, July 1, 2014. Hong Kong residents marched through the streets of the former British colony to push for greater democracy in a rally fueled by anger over Beijing's recent warning that it holds the ultimate authority over the southern Chinese financial center.

(AP Photo/Vincent Yu)

Japan, North Korea hold talks despite missile launch

BEIJING (AP) — Japanese and North Korean envoys on Tuesday discussed a possible deal to ease Tokyo's sanctions on the North in return for resolving questions about the fate of abducted Japanese citizens.

Japan's chief envoy stressed that Tokyo also would take into account North Korea's firing of Scud missiles this week in deciding on any agreement.

The one-day meeting was aimed at clarifying the fate of Japanese abducted by North Korean agents in the 1970s and '80s, an issue that has kept relations in a deep freeze. The talks went ahead despite concern that the North's launch of missiles on Sunday, which South Korea viewed as pro-

vocative, might prompt Tokyo to pull out.

The North agreed to open an investigation into the abductions following three days of talks in Stockholm in May. Tokyo agreed to lift some sanctions if the investigative committee appeared to have authority to properly probe the matter. The Japanese envoy, Junichi Ihara, said North Korean officials informed him about the structure of a committee to conduct the investigation. He said he could not comment further until he briefed Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. In Tokyo, Abe said his government would study the North's position before deciding how to respond. "This will be considered together with concerns about

the recent missile launches, and the Japanese government will make a general decision about all of this together," Ihara said.

He said Sunday's missile launch was "greatly regrettable" and ran counter to the spirit of previous joint statements. His North Korean counterpart, Song Il Ho, said the launches were "fully consistent with maintaining peace and stability in the region."

North Korea acknowledged in 2002 that its agents had abducted Japanese to train its spies and eventually returned five of them. It said others Japan claimed were abducted had died or never entered the North.

Tokyo has disputed that and wants an investigation

into at least 12 abduction cases. Private organizations say many more citizens were abducted.

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any North Korean-flag vessels, all trade with North Korea and the entry into Japan of North Korean citizens. □

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Under new law in Cuba:

Just 50 cars sold legally in 6 months

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HAVANA (AP) — Just 50 automobiles and four motorcycles have been sold in Cuba in the nearly six months since a new law took effect that let islanders buy vehicles from state-run dealerships without a special permit for the first time in decades, authorities said Monday. Sales totaled about \$1.3 million, government news website Cubadebate reported, for an average of some \$23,800 per vehicle. Cubadebate quoted Iset Vazquez Brizuela, first vice president of state-owned vehicle distributor Cimex, as saying there are 11 licensed auto dealerships nationwide.

About 11 million people live in Cuba.

Many Cubans were delighted when the new rules were announced in December — and then left aghast by the sticker prices once they took effect the following month. A new Peugeot family car that listed for \$262,000 in Havana would cost \$53,000 in the United Kingdom, for example, while a compact Kia Rio hatchback that starts at \$13,600 in the United States was on offer for \$42,000 in Cuba. The licensed dealerships also sell used cars for significantly less, often former

rentals with high odometer readings. These would appear to account for most or nearly all the sales reported by Cubadebate.

But even cheaply made Chinese sedans decommissioned from government fleets list as used cars for well above what they command elsewhere brand-new.

Raul Castro's economic reforms allowing some limited private-sector enterprise. Person-to-person sale of used cars is also now legal.

Before January, islanders who wanted to purchase a vehicle had to acquire a "letter" of permission. The privilege was granted to the likes of diplomats, technicians, doctors and



This photo shows a detail of a license plate on a Peugeot as it drives by in Havana, Cuba. Cuban authorities reported on Monday, June 30, 2014 that auto dealerships have sold just 50 automobiles and four motorcycles across the country in the nearly six months since a new law took effect letting islanders buy vehicles without a special permit for the first time in decades. Many Cubans were delighted when the new rules were announced in December 2013, and then left aghast by the sticker prices once they took effect. Most Cubans earn about \$20 a month.

(AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)

The prices were the subject of bitter and open complaint by many Cubans, most of whom earn about \$20 a month working for the government.

The state still employs the great majority of the labor force despite President

others who served on foreign missions and returned with hard currency saved up overseas.

Cubadebate said authorities intend for 75 percent of income from automobile sales to be invested in public transportation. □

Jamaica:

Top cop retiring ahead of inquiry

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— Jamaica's top cop is retiring ahead of a fact-finding inquiry into the conduct of security forces during a bloody state of emergency four years ago, the government announced Monday.

The Caribbean country's national security ministry said Police Commissioner Owen Ellington's retirement will be official after he finishes taking his allotted vacation time in the coming days.

According to the ministry, Ellington's decision to retire is based "on the need to

separate himself from the leadership" of the force prior to the start of a commission of inquiry that will examine a 2010 security operation that killed more than 75 people as police and soldiers hunted for the island's biggest gang kingpin. Last year, Jamaica's public defender said his office was looking into complaints that 44 of the 76 civilian deaths during the state of emergency could have been unjustifiable homicides.

The ministry also said his retirement will also allow an independent panel to

probe allegations of numerous police killings in central Clarendon parish "without any perception of influence or interference on his part."

Security Minister Peter Bunting said Ellington's contributions during his tenure as commissioner helped improve police professionalism and lower crime rates. Ellington has been a member of the Jamaica Constabulary Force for 34 years. Deputy Commissioner Glenmore Hinds will act as the top cop until a new commissioner is appointed. □

Chile court:

US had role in 'Missing' killings

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Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — A Chilean court said U.S. military intelligence services played a key role that led to the 1973 killings of two Americans in Chile in a case that inspired the Oscar-winning film "Missing."

A court ruling released late Monday said former U.S. Navy Capt. Ray E. Davis gave information to Chilean officials about journalist Charles Horman and student Frank Teruggi that led to their arrest and execution just days after the 1973 coup that brought Gen. Augusto Pinochet to power.

"The military intelligence services of the United States had a fundamental role in the creation of the murders of the two American citizens in 1973, providing Chilean military officers with the information that led to their deaths," the ruling by Judge Jorge Zepeda said.

Zepeda also upheld the decision to charge retired Chilean army Col. Pedro Espinoza with the murders, and Rafael Gonzalez, a former civilian counterintelligence agent, as an accomplice in Horman's murder. The two Chileans and Davis had been indicted in 2011. Davis commanded the U.S. Military Mission in Chile at the time of the Sept. 11, 1973, American-backed coup that ousted the democratically elected government of leftist President Salvador Allende. Davis was investigating Americans in Chile as part of a series of covert intelligence operations run out of the U.S. Embassy targeting those considered to be subversives or radicals, according to the judge's investigation. Officials at the embassy in Santiago had no immediate comment.

Believing he was living in Florida, Chile's Supreme Court approved an extradition request after Davis was indicted in November 2011. But Davis was secretly living in Chile, and he died in a Santiago nursing home last year.

Horman, 31, a freelance journalist and filmmaker, was arrested Sept. 17, 1973. A national truth commission formed after the Pinochet dictatorship ended said Horman was executed the next day while in the custody of Chilean state security agents. The commission said Teruggi, a 24-year-old university student, was executed Sept. 22.

The search for Horman by his wife and father was the topic of the 1982 movie "Missing," directed by Costa-Gavras, starred Sissy Spacek and Jack Lemmon. The film won an Oscar for best adapted screenplay and was also nominated for best picture, actor and actress. The film suggested U.S. complicity in Horman's death and at the time drew strong objections from U.S. State Department officials. The case remained practically ignored in Chile until 2000, when Horman's widow, Joyce, came and filed a lawsuit against Pinochet. "More than 40 years after my husband was killed, and almost 14 years since I initiated judicial proceedings in Chile, I am delighted that the cases of Charles Horman and Frank Teruggi are moving forward in the Chilean courts. At the same time, I remain outraged that, through death and delay, a key indicted U.S. official, Captain Ray Davis, has escaped this prosecutorial process," Joyce Horman said after the judge's ruling was released.

"Judge Zepeda's ruling both implicates and incriminates U.S. intelligence personnel as playing a dark role in the murder of my husband," she said. "My hope is that the record of evidence compiled by the court sheds further light on how and why Charles was targeted, who actually ordered his murder, and what kind of information on one of its own citizens the U.S. government passed to the Chilean military who committed this heinous crime." □



Pelican Adventures Hosts Actor Peter Facinelli and Family!



PALM BEACH - Pelican Adventures had the pleasure to host Hollywood actor Peter Facinelli and his family on their Sunset & Dinner Cruise, which Peter and his family enjoyed very much! Peter Facinelli is best known for his current part in Showtime TV's 'Nurse Jackie,' air-

ing now, and his role in the hit movie series, 'Twilight.' Judging by his posts on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram of his family's experience on board the Pelican Too, you can see they had a wonderful time! They enjoyed two hours of sailing along the coast of Aru-

ba, enjoying the fantastic open bar and snacks along the way. After their sailing excursion, they joined the Pelican Crew for a 3 Course Dinner at the Pelican Nest Restaurant on the Pelican Pier. It was their first visit to Aruba, but as Peter posted

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PALM BEACH - The Island's most unique dining experience can be found at Amazonia, where Sushi Salsa has recently debuted in an extended format.

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The energy and spirit of Sushi Salsa's menu is also reflected in the spectacular décor with stainless steel display cases, acid washed natural stone walls, recessed LED lights, and painting and prints by famous local artist Eliza Lejuez, to the sound of the latest Brazilian music.

Amazonia, a Brazilian steakhouse, lends itself as the perfect partner for Sushi Salsa. The Brazilian



union of both, now offers diners the opportunity to enjoy their beef AND their tuna served exactly to their liking.

The bar area, Sushi Salsa's previous location, was outfitted with TV screens and additional seating and now serves as a Sports Bar & Lounge, completely transformed to accommodate

World Cup soccer fans.

The menu at Sushi Salsa remains as rich and varied featuring appetizers such as Miso Soup and Shrimp Tempura, cold dishes such as Tuna Tataki and the Salsa Salad, a house specialty, with Octopus, shrimp, Spicy Crab & Scallops, Rolls and Hand Rolls with Tuna, Salmon, Crab, Yellowtail, Eel,

Soft Shell Crabs, Octopus, Mackerel and Flying Fish Roe, as well as a number of signature rolls with Rainbow, Dragon, Amazonia, Capoeira, Guarana, Vegetarian Rolls and one with Tournedos Beef Tenderloin and chimichurri sauce, among them.

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as the fracture has more or less healed already, of course. But Santa is in little or no pain and is having the time of his life among his donkey colleagues and friends. This beautiful donkey has been provided with a chip, just like all the other donkeys. On the chip is information about the donkey and its medical history. The donkeys at the sanctuary have a lot of friends with whom they can play all day long. And they love living there: they are well-cared for, they are fed and watered and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers for the sanc-

tuary.

The volunteers are trying to cover the various costs with all kinds of activities and the sale of great donkey memorabilia in the shop. Fortunately, there are also visitors who wish to adopt a donkey, who buy something at the donkey shop or who make a donation. Thus they help support us. Everyone is welcome to visit the sanctuary, which has opening hours from 9 am until 4 pm and in the weekend from 10 am until 3. Entry is free of charge and one can enjoy a soft drink, a cup of coffee or a refreshing ice cream.

The volunteers of the



sanctuary are hoping that somebody will adopt this friendly, lovely donkey. Of course the donkey will keep on living at the sanctuary; you only need to pay AWG. 30,- per month for the donkey's keep. With this amount you help support the sanctuary as well as your own donkey. And you will receive a beautiful certificate and a super T-shirt

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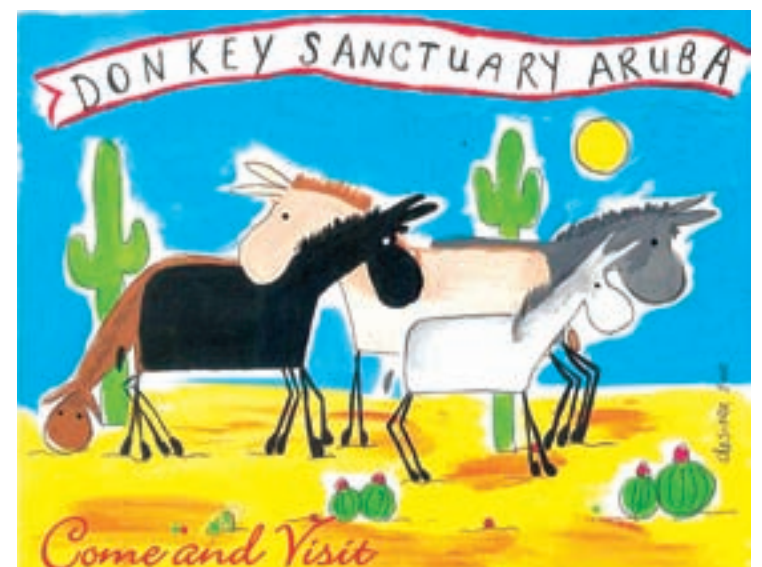
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Sharapova, Nadal lose; Serena leaves with illness

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LONDON (AP) — Rafael Nadal ran out of come-backs at Wimbledon, losing to a brash, big-serving, between-the-legs-hitting 19-year-old kid who might just be a future star. Maria Sharapova, somehow, seemed on the verge of a turnaround despite a flurry of unforced errors, saving six match points before finally succumbing on the seventh with — what else? — a missed shot. And in the most striking sight of a memorable day of departures by past Wimbledon champions, Serena Williams couldn't get the ball over the net in a doubles match with her sister Venus, stopping after three games because of what was called a viral illness.

All in all, Tuesday was chock-full of significant events, and the most noteworthy winner had to be 144th-ranked Nick Kyrgios of Australia, who used 37 aces and a have-no-fear approach to beat Nadal 7-6 (5), 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-3 for a quarterfinal berth. "I was in a bit of a zone out there," said Kyrgios, the lowest-ranked player to beat the No. 1 man at any Grand Slam tournament in 22 years.

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U.S. rally comes up short against Belgium

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United States' Jermaine Jones (13) and DaMarcus Beasley react after Belgium defeated the USA 2-1 in extra time to advance to the quarterfinals during the World Cup round of 16 soccer match between Belgium and the USA at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador, Brazil, Tuesday, July 1, 2014.
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"You've got to believe you can win the match from the very start, and I definitely thought that," the 6-foot-4 (1.93-meter) Kyrgios said. "I'm playing some unbelievable tennis on the grass."

That's for sure.

Playing in only his fifth major tournament — he got into the field thanks to a wild-card invitation — Kyrgios (pronounced KEER-ee-os) is the first man to reach the quarterfinals in his Wimbledon debut in 10 years. He's also the first teenager to defeat the top-ranked man at a Slam since Nadal was 19 when he beat Roger Federer at the 2005 French Open.

"We keep saying, 'Who's

the next guy?' And I think we may have found him," seven-time major champion John McEnroe said on the BBC broadcast.

Nadal dropped the first set in each of his previous three matches before coming back to win. When he took the second set Tuesday, though, Kyrgios stayed steady.

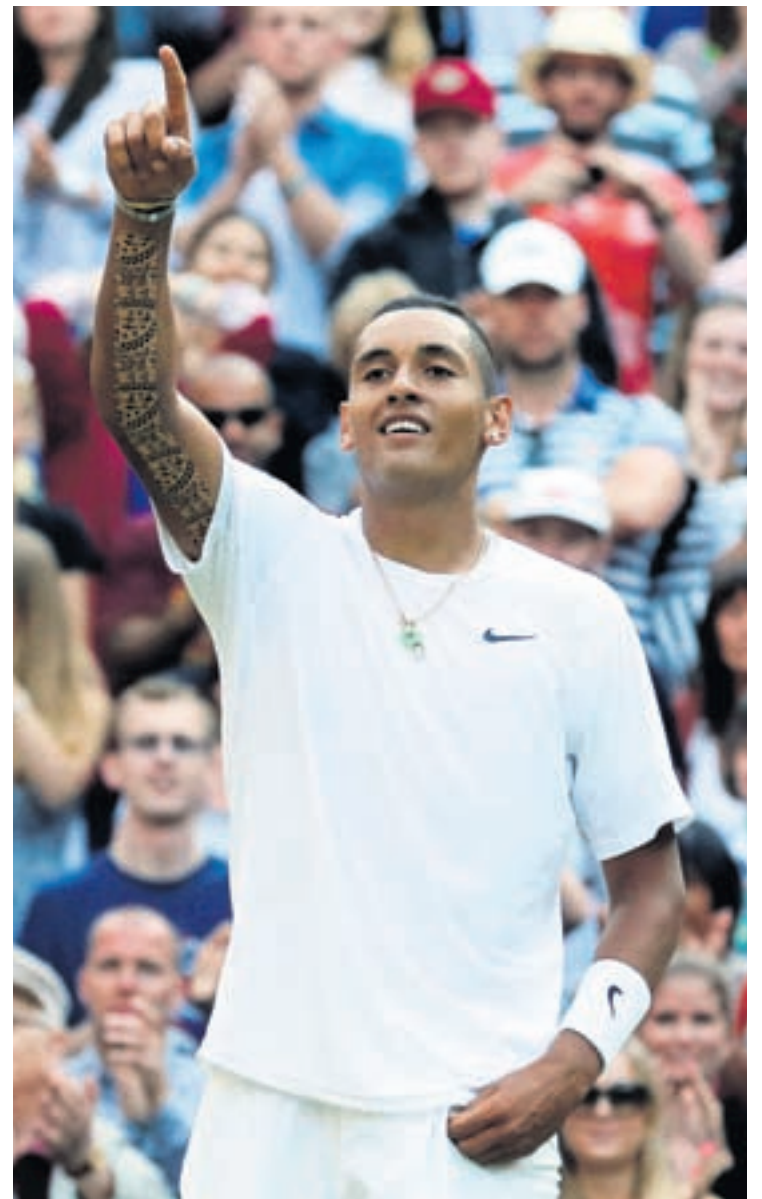
"Kyrgios is young; he has nothing to lose," said Nadal's uncle and coach, Toni. "It's like when Boris Becker won here. He was 17 and had a very good serve. He could beat everyone because of his serve. It's the same with Kyrgios. He plays aggressively and without any doubts."

For Nadal, who won Wimbledon in 2008 and 2010, it was yet another early

exit at the grass-court tournament against a much-lower-ranked opponent. In 2012, he lost in the second round against No. 100 Lukas Rosol. Last year, he was beaten in the first round by No. 135 Steve Darcis. Neither of those players is considered an up-and-coming contender like Kyrgios is, but the common thread among the trio was going for broke.

"The thing is, (on) this surface, when you have an opponent that decides to serve and to hit every ball very strong, you are in trouble," Nadal said.

Kyrgios, who saved nine match points while beating 13th-seeded Richard Gasquet in the second round, showed zero hint of nerves. Indeed, he soaked up all



Nick Kyrgios of Australia celebrates defeating Rafael Nadal of Spain in their men's singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Tuesday July 1, 2014.
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the attention and adoration offered by the Centre Court crowd, particularly after an audacious trick shot: Facing the net at the baseline, he whipped his racket around his back and casually flicked a shot that sailed between his legs and over the net for a winner.

He joked about reading that his mother said she didn't think he could beat Nadal.

"It actually made me a bit angry," Kyrgios said, then noted: "I'll just text her a smiley face."

On Wednesday, he faces No. 8 Milos Raonic of Canada, another man never before this far at Wimbledon. The other men's quarterfinals: seven-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer against good friend and Australian Open champion Stan Wawrinka in an all-Swiss matchup; defending champion Andy Murray against No. 11

Grigor Dimitrov; and 2011 champion Novak Djokovic against No. 26 Marin Cilic. The women's quarterfinals Wednesday: No. 3 Simona Halep against 2013 runner-up Sabine Lisicki, and No. 9 Angelique Kerber against No. 13 Eugenie Bouchard. The semifinal on the other side of the draw was established Tuesday: 2011 champion Petra Kvitova against No. 23 Lucie Safarova.

Kerber edged Sharapova 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-4 Tuesday. Sharapova made 49 unforced errors, 38 more than Kerber. Still, the 2004 champion saved one match point at 5-2 in the final set, then five more at 5-4, before pushing a backhand long to end it.

"I felt like I worked too hard within the match to let it go the easy way. So I did everything I could in the end to try to save those," Sharapova said. "I did, but I didn't save the last one." □



U.S. World Cup ends with 2-1 OT loss to Belgium

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AP Sports Writer

SALVADOR, Brazil (AP) —

They captured the eyes and hearts of a suddenly awakened soccer nation, who gathered in unprecedented numbers to watch the world's game.

But the end of the ride came at the exact same point as four years ago: with a loss in extra time in the World Cup's round of 16.

Kevin De Bruyne finally beat goalkeeper Tim Howard in the third minute of extra time, Romelu Lukaku scored 12 minutes later to give Belgium a two-goal lead, and the Red Devils hung on for a 2-1 victory Tuesday.

"It's heartbreaking," Howard said. "I don't think we could have given it more." Before exiting, the U.S. showed the spunk that captured America's attention. Julian Green, at 19 the youngest player on the U.S. roster, stuck out his right foot to volley in Michael Bradley's pass over the defense in the 107th minute, two minutes after entering the game.

They nearly tied it up in the 114th, when Clint Dempsey peeled off the ball and was stopped point-blank by goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois after being fed by Bradley on a free kick.

But it wasn't enough, and U.S. players fell to the field at the final whistle in their all-white uniforms like so many crumpled tissues.

"I think they made their country proud with this performance," coach Jurgen Klinsmann said.

The Americans advanced from a difficult first-round group that included Germany, Portugal and Ghana to reach the knockout rounds of consecutive World Cups for the first

time. Four years ago, they were eliminated in South Africa by Ghana 1-0 on a goal in the third minute of extra time.

Fans who had made the trek south of the equator chanting "I believe that we will win!" could hardly believe they lost, extending a World Cup winless streak against European nations to nine games over 12 years.

The crowd of 51,227 at Arena Fonte Nova appeared to be about one third pro-U.S., with 10 percent backing the Belgians and the rest neutral.

Back home, millions watched across the United States in offices, homes and public gatherings that includes a huge crowd in Chicago's Soldier Field.

"There's a lot to build on going forward," Klinsmann said.

At some large financial firms in Manhattan, 70-inch screens were brought in for employees to watch. President Barack Obama joined about 200 staffers in an Executive Office Building auditorium to watch the second half.

"I believe!" he exclaimed as he walked in at the front of the hall. "I believe!"

That sparked a chorus of the chant, and as Obama took a front-row seat, he said sheepishly: "I was worried that if I walked in and Belgium scored, I'd get in trouble."

Howard, playing the finest game of his career, stopped a dozen shots with his legs and arms to keep the Americans even through regulation and force an additional 30 minutes. He wound up with 16 saves.

In its first World Cup under Jurgen Klinsmann, the U.S. had promised to play attacking soccer. But once



Belgium's Romelu Lukaku, left, scores past United States' Matt Besler (5) for his teams second goal during the World Cup round of 16 soccer match between Belgium and the USA at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador, Brazil, Tuesday, July 1, 2014.

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again the Americans had trouble maintaining possession and for much of the night it seemed as if the field were tilted.

Howard, at 35 one of the American veterans, kept saving his team.

But when Matt Besler lost his balance on an attack down the right, Lukaku sped in alone and crossed in front of the goal. The ball rebounded off defender Omar Gonzalez, and De Bruyne controlled it, spun and beat Howard just over

his right foot.

Then with the U.S. pushing for an equalizer, De Bruyne burst ahead and fed Lukaku.

He slotted the ball past Howard, his Everton teammate, seeming to put the Red Devils out of reach.

But Green, among five German-Americans on the U.S. roster and a surprise pick, woke up the team and its fans with his first touch of the game, setting off raucous chants of "U-S-A! U-S-A!" But there would be no

final comeback this time.

"You get to this point and these games are always about a play here and play there," Bradley said.

Chris Wondolowski had a chance to win it in stoppage time when Jermaine Jones flicked the ball to him at the top of the 6-yard box, but with Courtois coming out Wondolowski put the ball over the crossbar.

"The dream falls short, but this is an incredible group," Howard said, "and we'll never forget this night." □

Argentina sticks to script with late winner

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Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — Argentina's theme at this World Cup seems to be scrappy wins with Lionel Messi pulling through at the last minute to save the day. This time he didn't score on his own, but set the stage for Angel Di Maria to score an extra-time winner against Switzerland.

"It doesn't matter if it's beautiful or ugly," Di Maria said. "Only that Argentina won and will play another game in the tournament."

Argentina will play Belgium in the quarterfinals.

Except for its final group-stage win over Nigeria, Argentina has won its matches in Brazil in the same manner — grinding down its opponents rather than dazzling them with brilliant football.

In the first half Tuesday, Argentina struggled to find paths through Switzerland's five-man midfield, and it was the Swiss that pro-



Argentina's Angel di Maria celebrates after scoring his side's only and winning goal in extra time during the World Cup round of 16 soccer match between Argentina and Switzerland at the Itaquerao Stadium in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Tuesday, July 1, 2014. Argentina defeated Switzerland 1-0 to move on to the quarterfinals.

duced the best chances. Granit Xhaka pushed Sergio Romero to a great save and Josip Drmic spoiled a great opportunity when he tried to chip the ball over the Argentina goalkeeper. When cracks started opening in the defense in the

second half, goalkeeper Diego Benaglio kept Switzerland in the game, stopping Gonzalo Higuain's header and Messi's low shot in the 78th minute. Benaglio also saved a powerful attempt by Di Maria in extra time, and it looked

like the Swiss would be able to push the game into a penalty shootout.

Then, in the 118th, Rodrigo Palacio won the ball in midfield and fed Messi, who dribbled down the middle in trademark fashion, escaping a challenge from Swiss defender Fabian Schaer before poking the ball to Di Maria. Unmarked, the Real Madrid player beat Benaglio with his 10th goal in Argentina's colors.

"What's important is that we moved on to the next stage," said Messi, who has scored four of Argentina's seven goals, including an injury-time winner against Iran. "It was difficult. We knew it was going to be a hard match."

Swiss substitute Blerim Dzemali nearly equalized right before the end but his header hit the post, and the rebound bounced off his knee and wide of the goal.

Switzerland coach Ottmar Hitzfeld, whose brother

died at age 81 one the eve of the match, said his team leaves the tournament with "our heads high."

"We made life very tough for them," he said. "They managed to keep their cool. It shows Argentina has a good team."

Hitzfeld said it was his last match as a football coach. He had earlier said he would quit after the tournament.

His Argentine counterpart, Alejandro Sabella, said he thought his team played a "wonderful match," though he conceded there's room for improvement.

"It was a match that we deserved to win," said Sabella. "The first half was very even. They had two clear chances and after that the match was ours."

Argentina will play its next match without left back Marcos Rojo, who is suspended after receiving his second yellow card on Tuesday.



In this March 19, 2014, file photo, New York Knicks' Carmelo Anthony, left, tries to move around Indiana Pacers' Paul George during the first half of an NBA basketball game at Madison Square Garden in New York. Two people with knowledge of the details say that Anthony has informed the Knicks he intends to become a free agent.

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NEW YORK (AP) — LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony top the list of NBA stars who officially became free agents on Tuesday. Players and teams could begin negotiating new deals starting early Tuesday morning, though contracts can't be signed until July 10, after next season's

salary cap has been set. James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, who joined together in Miami in 2010 and have led the Heat to two championships and four straight NBA Finals, all became free agents. Though many expect that trio to stay with the Heat, Anthony could be persuaded to leave the New York Knicks for a team he

Free agency opens in the NBA

believes gives him a better chance to compete for a championship.

He was visiting Chicago on Tuesday, and Houston and Dallas also could try to pry the 2012-13 scoring champion away from the Knicks, who can pay him around \$30 million more than any team under NBA rules.

Longtime stars Paul Pierce, Dirk Nowitzki and Pau Gasol also are free agents, along with players such as Toronto's Kyle Lowry and Indiana's Lance Stephenson, who are coming off their best seasons in the league. It's the most anticipated free agency class since 2010, when James led a group that included Wade, Bosh, and other All-Stars such as Amare Stoudemire and Joe Johnson.

That free agency period changed the NBA. This one might mostly change the Heat.

They are in need of an upgrade after getting smashed by San Antonio in

this year's NBA Finals, and the Big Three could give them the means to make one if they agree to lower salaries.

Knicks president Phil Jackson hopes Anthony also agrees to take less than a maximum salary, which would be more than \$125 million if he agrees to stay in New York.

The Brooklyn Nets, meanwhile, are staggering into free agency without their coach after letting Jason Kidd leave for the Milwaukee Bucks. The teams agreed to a deal Monday, with the Bucks sending two future second-round draft picks to the Nets, who allowed Kidd to pursue other jobs after denying his request for more power in the organization.

Brooklyn has Pierce and Shaun Livingston among its key players who are free agents.

The Los Angeles Lakers have plenty of money to offer, along with the chance to play with Kobe Bryant.

Teams such as Phoenix and Atlanta also have some good players and enough cap space to add another. They would love a shot at James, as would his home-state Cleveland Cavaliers, the team he left in 2010. But it's unclear how seriously the four-time Most Valuable Player will listen to other teams after meeting with six suitors when he was last a free agent.

The Cavaliers may not get James back, but they will have their current All-Star for a while.

Owner Dan Gilbert wrote on Twitter early Tuesday morning that he had an agreement on a five-year contract extension with Kyrie Irving, the No. 1 pick in the 2011 NBA draft.

"Looking forward to the next 6 years of Kyrie Irving in CLE. Just shook hands & intend to sign on the 10th," Gilbert wrote, adding that he couldn't be more excited about the Cavs' future.



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Arrieta takes no-hit bid into 8th for Cubs

The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Jake Arrieta held the Red Sox hitless until Stephen Drew singled with two outs in the eighth inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat Boston 2-0 on Monday night in the opener of only the second series between the teams at Fenway Park since 1918.

Six days after losing a perfect game on a leadoff single in the seventh inning of his previous start at Wrigley Field against Cincinnati, Arrieta took his no-hit bid a little deeper. He allowed only Mike Napoli's fifth-inning walk before Drew lined a clean single to right. Arrieta (5-1) was lifted by Cubs manager Rick Renteria immediately following the hit that came on the right-hander's career-high 120th pitch. He struck out 10.

Nate Schierholtz hit a two-run homer for Chicago.

Jake Peavy (1-7) is winless in his last 12 starts. He gave up two runs on five hits, walking two and striking out seven in six innings.

TIGERS 5, ATHLETICS 4

DETROIT (AP) — Rajai Davis hit his third career grand slam with one out in the ninth inning, giving the Tigers a victory over the Athletics.

Oakland closer Sean Doolittle (2-2) was given a three-run lead to work with in the ninth, but only managed one out. Nick Castellanos and Alex Avila started the inning with singles. Eugenio Suarez struck out but Doolittle walked Austin Jackson — just the second walk he has issued this season — to load the bases for Davis.

Blaine Hardy (1-0) earned his first career victory with a scoreless top of the ninth. Oakland starter Scott Kazmir left the game in the sixth, one pitch after appearing to grab at his hip, but Dan Otero replaced him and kept the game tied through seven innings. A team spokesperson said that Kazmir was "fine".

RAYS 4, YANKEES 3, 12 INNINGS

NEW YORK (AP) — Logan Forsythe hit a tiebreaking

single with two outs in the 12th inning and the Rays beat the Yankees after squandering a late lead.

Matt Joyce and Kevin Kiermaier homered for the resurgent Rays, who have their first three-game winning streak since taking a season-best four in a row May 22-25. They've won five of six overall and no longer own the worst record in the majors, a distinction that had belonged to them every day since June 4.

Brian Roberts homered off Rays reliever Joel Peralta with one out in the ninth to tie it 3-all. Brandon Guyer drew a two-out walk from Jose Ramirez (0-2) in the 12th and stole second base. Forsythe lined the next pitch into center field, scoring Guyer easily.

Brad Boxberger (1-1) pitched two perfect innings for his first major league win in 72 appearances.

ROYALS 6, TWINS 1

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Alcides Escobar tied a career high with four RBIs on



Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Jake Arrieta delivers against the Boston Red Sox during the first inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Monday, June 30, 2014.

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two doubles and Salvador Perez homered to lift the Royals to a victory over the Twins.

Danny Duffy (5-7) gave up one run and four hits while striking out three in 5 2-3 innings and Mike Moustakas had two hits for the Royals. Kansas City (43-39) has won three of four and is off to its best start since 2003. Yohan Pino (0-2) gave up four runs and seven hits while also striking out three in 5 2-3 innings for the Twins. Eduardo Nunez had two hits and an RBI in his return from the disabled list for

Minnesota, which has lost six of its last seven games to drop into last place in the AL Central.

MARINERS 10, ASTROS 4
HOUSTON (AP) — Robinson Cano had a three-run shot in the seventh inning, one of the Seattle Mariners' season-high four homers in a win over the Astros.

Mike Zunino had a two-run drive in the second, Michael Saunders added a pair on his long ball in the fourth and Brad Miller homered two batters later to help the Mariners to their eighth win in 10 games. □

Orlando MLS club formally introduces Kaka

DAN RYAN

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Orlando City owner Flavio Augusto da Silva knows there's no way his MLS expansion franchise could take the place of any Brazilian club in the hearts of any Brazilian soccer fan.

But with the signing of Kaka, da Silva hopes there's one room for more.

"We want to be that second club," da Silva said Tuesday when Orlando FC

formally introduced the Brazilian three-time World Cup participant.

The 32-year old midfielder, whose full name is Ricardo Izecson dos Santos Leite, will join the MLS club when it begins play in January 2015.

Until then, he will be on loan to San Paulo FC. He most recently played for AC Milan, terminating that contract last week.

"This is not about the money," Kaka said. "I know you

know my resume. I can play anywhere else if money were the top question. This is a life opportunity, for myself, for my family. Players from now on will be looking for soccer opportunity in the United States."

Over 200 fans greeted Kaka Monday night at Orlando International Airport. He was expected to join a watch party of the United States-Belgium World Cup match Tuesday afternoon. Some City streetlights had

a "#komingsoon" hashtag with Kaka's silhouette outside the downtown club where the press conference was held.

Kaka was expected to join a watch party of the United States-Belgium World Cup match Tuesday afternoon. The signing was the culmination of two years of "flirting" between da Silva and Kaka ("I love Flavio, but I'm married and so is he," Kaka joked) after the World Cup champion MVP served as

a spokesman for one of da Silva's companies. Even after da Silva sold the company, his pursuit continued as Kaka entertained some MLS offers, most notably from New York.

Both Kaka's appreciation of the Orlando market as well as Brazil delivering the highest number of international visitors to the destination, influenced his decision to become the face of Orlando's startup efforts as the MLS' 21st franchise. □

Endless Vacation

By Dr. Carlos Viana

Aruba, with our beautiful beaches and perfect climate is an endless vacation paradise. However, the summer is traditionally known as "vacation time." With the children home from school, people make extensive plans to catch up on all the things they never seem to have enough time to do. They arrange elaborate family reunions and fly off to more exotic locations.

Traditionally, we vacation for several reasons. Though not all countries have evolved into the practice of vacationing, most do provide some time off for newly married couples. The "honeymoon," originally month long, was a reprieve from daily pressures where almost total strangers could adjust to living with another person. Today the "honeymoon" can be an extension of the courting period where new couples can agree on goals of their joint lives together.

A second reason for a vacation is the "second honeymoon." Special observances of wedding anniversaries are usually reserved for milestone dates like the tenth, twenty-fifth and the "golden" fiftieth anniversaries. During these honeymoon replays, some couples have a ceremony where wedding vows are repeated. This vacation then serves as a reaffirmation of the original hopes and aspirations for their marriage.

A third reason is a school break. School breaks were

originally provided because children were essential in agricultural areas. In North America, school summer vacation is three months long because immigrants could not exclude their children from the farming demands during the short growing season. Similarly, the spring recess coincides with the labor intensive period when live stock gave birth and crops needed to be sowed and the fall break coincides with the traditional harvest period.

A forth reason for a rest is health related. Without question, the greatest health benefit is where a vacation helps in your stress reduction program. My father, who lived ninety six robust years, told me several times, a heart attack is nature's way of telling you to slow down. Someone with ailing health has few prospects. Sickness carries a message that only the wisest heed.

A fifth motivation for a vacation is a respite from our profession or occupation. This break could be the most important. We labor frantically to make ourselves more comfortable and end up with the byproduct of modern society, stress. Continuing stress causes a whole host of health problems. A recent survey reported forty percent of North Americans are suffering from chronic stress. Stress is what pushes some people decide to finally take a vacation. Early signs of stress are Mother

Nature's way of telling us something is wrong and needs our attention.

A break from work could be vital to our well being. Unfortunately this critical period is also the least respected. Weekly, we observe tourists trying to accomplish the most possible during their vacation. Enjoying all that the Island has to offer, they are partying, gambling, and frantically pursuing their hobbies. Their motto is "work hard, play hard."

Although the exercise we do on vacation can be a good stress reducer, moderate exercise needs to be done on a regular basis to contribute to overall health. Not working out the rest of the year and then overdoing it on vacation causes more stress. Many people need to return home to their "normal" lives to recuperate from their vacation. These people may have had a temporary break from their work and problems, but they certainly have not benefited physiologically from their vacation.

It has been estimated that managers spend at least 25 percent of their time resolving workplace conflicts – causing lowered office performance. Some companies are resorting to making their employees to take vacation days or "time out" in order to improve their profit margin. In our clinic we see many of our patients take a mini vacation or "time out" when they come in for an acupuncture session.

Acupuncture, an ancient Chinese therapy that is becoming more widespread in the West uses various

procedures, such as heat and pressure but mainly fine needles, to stimulate points on the body to relieve pain by rebalancing the flow of energy. The world health organization has listed many conditions treated safely and effectively by acupuncture including, allergies, hypertension, injuries, chronic pain, depression and fatigue.

Many of these are interrelated with stress. While many of our patients come in for their twenty minute session to relieve pain; our policy of turning cell phones off or on silent allows our clients to more fully relax. After their sessions many realize that the treatment has gone beyond pain reduction and they feel a balance and harmony in their body, mind and spirit.

My father once told me that he had never heard anyone state in their closing years that they wished that they had worked harder. In our pursuit to make ourselves more comfortable, our daily affairs have a way of obscuring more important issues. Issues we ignore until we are forced to retire or Mother Nature gives us her message in sickness.


Get the point, a diversion from daily responsibilities can rejuvenate our lives. Either this weekend at home, or this summer spent in an exotic place like Aruba, take time to reflect on health. Schedule a spa treatment between water sports and rounds of golf. Have some tropical fruit on the breakfast buffet instead of coffee and toast, put away the laptop and enjoy the view. Come in for an

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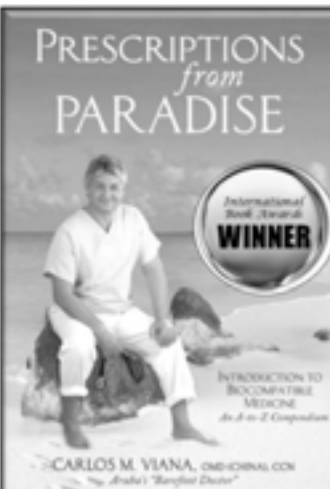
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From big to giant: Behemoth TVs start to take off

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NEW YORK (AP) — Super-sized isn't just for french fries. Americans increasingly are replacing their once-enviable 50-inch TVs with even bigger screens. Think: 65-inches and up.

People are snagging big screens — pushing sales of them up 50 percent in the past year while overall TV sales have faltered. As prices fall, hardcore TV watchers and video gamers are finding sets affordable that a few years ago would have been playthings for wealthier people.

Jarvis Jackson, for instance, plans to spend up to \$1,500 for a 65-inch TV with Internet capability. Jackson, who lives in Birmingham, Ala., says he'll scale back on dining out and postpone other purchases to make room in his budget. "You definitely can tell the difference between a 55-inch and a larger size TV," says Jackson. "To get the right TV is important, especially when football season is coming up."

Shoppers like Jackson are being enticed by new technologies like Internet capability that allows Net-

flix streaming, and Ultra HD screens, which offer a sharper picture.

Falling prices have also made big screens more accessible to the average person: TV prices overall have fallen 9 to 11 percent, and the average price of a 50-inch TV is down \$75 from two years ago to \$573, according to research firm NPD Group.

"TVs are more affordable than they've ever been, so a 'supersized' TV today is still far less expensive than smaller screens were three or four years ago," says Jamie Bastian, a spokeswoman for Target, which expanded its selection of big-screen TVs to include 70-inch versions this year, up from last year's 60 inches.

Although TVs 65 inches or bigger account for just 2 percent of sets sold, they're the bright spot in a market that has been slumping in part because more people are using tablets and cell-phones to stream movies and TV shows.

Overall, TVs 50 inches and bigger accounted for 25 percent of the sets sold in the past 12 months, up from 14 percent in 2012.



In this Wednesday, June 18, 2014 photo, Jake Willis, left, home theatre supervisor at the Best Buy store in Greenwood, Ind., talks with customer Landon Leichter, of Spencer, Ind., at a display featuring a Samsung 78-inch curved television on display at the store in Greenwood, Ind. The 78-inch television is flanked by 65-inch versions. Americans increasingly are replacing their once-enviable 50-inch TVs with even bigger screens.

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NPD expects the figure to reach 30 percent this year. The advent of flat screens and high-definition television prompted a rush to upgrade a decade ago, but things like 3-D TVs have failed to entice buyers in recent years. But experts say Ultra HD is a simple enough upgrade to gain widespread adoption in the next few years.

While overall TV sales have dropped as much as 10 percent annually since 2010, big-screen TVs have become the fastest-growing category. During the year that ended April, 800,000 65-inch TVs or larger were sold, a 69 percent jump. That equated to a 50 percent increase to \$1.6 billion in sales in a TV market totaling an estimated \$18 billion.

Lower-income shoppers are accounting for a larger share of the supersized TVs. In the year that ended in April, 61 percent of TVs 60 inches or larger were purchased by shoppers with household incomes of \$75,000 or less, up from 45 percent a year earlier, according to NPD.

Retailers are taking advantage of the demand. Amazon.com plans to feature some 100-inch models this year, while Chicago-based electronics store Abt is expanding its warehouse space by nearly 30 percent, in part to accommodate bigger TVs.

Best Buy is increasing its selection of 55-inch-plus TVs by 20 percent. But big-screen TVs come with hassles: Best Buy delivery people sometimes have to open the box on the customer's front lawn or go through a patio door because the box won't

fit through a regular door. Best Buy says a 55-inch Samsung TV weighs 37 pounds whereas a 75-inch Samsung TV weighs 83 pounds.

"I don't think anyone would have estimated the appetite for the size of these TVs," says Luke Motschenbacher, director of Best Buy's TV business.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, is also beefing up its big-screens because of increasing customer demand. The retailer is allocating half of its TV wall to 50- to 60-inch TVs this year, up from about a third last year. It's also offering 80-inch TVs, including a \$2,998 Vizio, in some stores. And Walmart.com is increasing its selection of stands to accommodate TVs over 60 inches.

This year, at Wal-Mart's Sam's Clubs, nearly half of the TVs will be at least 55 inches, up from about 30 percent last year. Last year, the biggest TV that Sam's Club sold in its stores was 80 inches. This year, it will sell 90-inch TVs in some locations.

Sam's Club CEO Rosalind Brewer says the trend is "counterintuitive" to the overall frugality it's seeing from members, who are switching to cheaper chicken from more expensive cuts of beef. □

Google adds more musical chops with Songza deal

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Google is fine-tuning its digital music strategy with the acquisition of Songza, a service that creates soundtracks tailored for people's changing moods. Financial terms of the deal announced Tuesday were not disclosed.

That means the price is considered to be too small to affect Google Inc., which ended March with \$59 billion in cash.

The acquisition highlights the growing importance of services that customize playlists as more people listen to music through Internet connections on their smartphones, tablets and personal computers.

Apple Inc. is buying head-phone maker Beats Elec-

tronics for \$3 billion largely because it prizes the song-picking prowess of a digital music service that Beats has been building.

The music service combines automated formulas with the expertise of a team led by Beats' co-founders, longtime recording industry executive Jimmy Iovine and hip-hop producer and rapper Dr. Dre.

Amazon.com Inc. also recently rolled out a music-streaming service that is part the company's \$99-per-year Prime package.

Those two technology powerhouses, along with Google, are trying to topple the early leaders in music streaming, Pandora Media Inc. and Spotify.

No immediate changes will occur at Songza, which makes applications for Apple's iPhone, iPad and devices running on Google's Android software.

"We can't think of a better company to join in our quest to provide the perfect soundtrack for everything you do," Songza said in a post announcing its sale.

Google plans to blend Songza's technology into its own music-streaming service, which costs \$10 per month.

Songza's tools also might be used to recommend musical videos at Google's YouTube site,

which is preparing to introduce a subscription option, too. □

Led by a series of blockbuster deals, mergers hit 7-year high

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Deal-makers have been thinking big this year. Buoyed by some of the biggest deals in recent memory, 2014 has so far been the kind of year that bankers and lawyers have been awaiting for some time.

"People are willing to make bigger bets on transactions than they were two years ago," said Stephen Arcano, a partner at the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

And it appears that the factors that have been driving the waves of consolidation will keep propelling mergers for the rest of the year.

At first glance, many of the statistics that define merger activity for the first half of the year are eye-popping: Nearly \$1.77 trillion worth of deals was announced in the first six months of 2014, according to Thomson Reuters, up nearly 73 percent from the same period last year and more than any year since 2007.

Much of that was spurred by a smattering of blockbuster transactions, like AT&T's \$48.5 billion bid for DirecTV; Comcast's \$45 billion offer for Time Warner Cable; and Facebook's \$19 billion deal for WhatsApp. Overall, 18,217 deals have been announced, down 0.4 percent from last year and the lowest level of announced transactions since 2005.

In the high end of the market, however, business is booming. Forty-six deals worth more than \$5 billion have been announced so far this year, 130 percent more than last year. The difference is even starker on a dollar basis: these announced megadeals were worth \$740.7 billion, up nearly 231 percent.

Many of the factors underpinning the growth have been little changed since the end of the financial crisis. Companies are sitting on enormous amounts of cash. And borrowing has rarely been cheaper, with the Federal Reserve keeping interest rates low.

But much of the work done to bolster stock growth, such as cost cuts and stock buybacks and special dividends, has already been completed. Accomplishing more requires more drastic action.

That has prompted companies to buy growth through acquisitions. Management teams have been dusting off corporate playbooks for potential deals. And as companies have pursued industry-changing mergers, their peers have been forced to weigh the cost of inaction - and many have chosen to act.

"What's different now is that you have catalysts in industries that are causing managements and boards to act because their industry structures are changing," said Michael Carr, Goldman Sachs' head of Americas mergers and acquisitions. "And in some ways, the stakes of not acting have gone up."

Investors have been largely rewarding companies for taking action, with stocks of acquirers climbing - they normally fall as shareholders worry about the potential for overpaying for deals. That sort of positive reaction inspires others weighing takeover bids to jump in, confident that shareholders will be on their side.

"What was once maybe viewed as a vice has become much more acceptable," Arcano said.

Strikingly, however, one of the most deal-focused set of buyers has been largely sitting out this year's boom. Private equity firms' announced transactions - worth \$117.1 billion - accounted for just 7 percent of all mergers, down nearly half from the same time a year ago.

Stocks rise on stronger manufacturing

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AP Markets Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Evidence that global manufacturing is expanding pushed the stock market to an all-time high on Tuesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed within two points of 17,000 for the first time after separate surveys showed that manufacturing expanded in the world's two largest economies. In China, manufacturing grew in June for the first time in six months and in the U.S. the sector notched its 13th straight month of expansion.

The index climbed as high as 16,998.70 in early afternoon trading before falling back slightly.

The Nasdaq composite rose 50.47, or 1.1 percent, to 4,458.65.

Stocks climbed from the open after HSBC said its Chinese purchasing managers index rose to 50.7 in June from 49.4 a month earlier. Numbers above 50 signal growth. The market added to its gains after a separate survey showed that U.S. manufacturing kept growing, even as the pace of the expansion slowed from May.

percent this year, after jumping almost 30 percent a year ago. While stocks are no longer cheap after their recent gains, they are still a compelling investment compared to buying bonds or holding cash with interest rates close to zero, said Joe Tanious, a global market strategist at JPMorgan Funds.

"In the long run market prices are dictated by the fundamentals," said Joe Tanious, a global market strategist at JPMorgan Funds. "And the underlying fundamentals suggest that markets can move higher



TimkenSteel Chairman, CEO and President Ward Timken, Jr., third from right, is joined by company CFO Chris Holding, third from left, and other executives as he rings the New York Stock Exchange opening bell, Tuesday, July 1, 2014, to celebrate TimkenSteel as a standalone, publicly-traded company.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

General Motors climbed the most in almost a month after reporting that its U.S. sales rose 1 percent in June despite a record-setting string of safety recalls. Netflix jumped after analysts at Goldman Sachs raised their outlook on the stock, predicting the company will benefit from its international expansion.

"The economic news, by and large, isn't bad here," said Phil Orlando, chief equity strategist at Federated Investors. "Maybe investors are starting to think that this thing is going to grind higher."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 13.09 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,973.32. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 129.47 points, or 0.8 percent, to 16,956.07.

Gains for the stock market were broad and nine of the 10 industry sectors that make up the S&P 500 rose on Tuesday. Utilities were the only sector to fall.

Health care stocks logged the biggest advance. The gains being led by Regeneron. The drug maker rose \$19.53, or 7 percent, to \$301.94 after the French drugmaker Sanofi said in a regulatory filing that it had raised its stake in the company to 22.5 percent from about 20 percent in April. Sanofi and Regeneron are collaborating on drug research and have an agreement that Sanofi won't acquire more than a 30 percent stake in the company.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index has now gained 6.8

from here."

Government bonds prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note climbed to 2.56 percent from 2.53 percent late Monday. Bond prices have risen this year, pushing interest rates lower, even as the Federal Reserve has reduced its economic stimulus and the economy has improved.

Among other stocks making big moves:

— Netflix jumped \$32.50, or 7.4 percent, to \$473.10 after analysts at Goldman Sachs raised their outlook for the streaming video company. Goldman estimates that Netflix's potential audience of subscribers will double over the next three years to 207 million people as the company expands internationally.

Southwest opens new chapter: international flights

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AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS (AP) — After four decades of expanding to all corners of the lower 48 states, Southwest Airlines flew into new territory on Tuesday — Jamaica, the Bahamas and Aruba. Southwest is taking over routes flown by AirTran Airways, which it bought in 2011. The company plans to eliminate the AirTran brand by year end. Southwest Flight 1804 left

Baltimore-Washington International Airport on Tuesday morning on the airline's first overseas flight — to Oranjestad, Aruba. After the first three international destinations, it will add service next month to Cancun and Los Cabos in Mexico, and will start flying to Mexico City and Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic in November.

By the end of this year, Southwest plans to operate the flights from nine U.S. cit-

ies. Still, its foreign footprint will be tiny compared with rivals American, United and Delta, which fly to Europe, Asia and South America. They also serve the Caribbean, where recent competition from JetBlue Airways and Spirit Airlines has helped reduce fares, said George Hobica, founder of AirfareWatchdog.com.

The entrance of Southwest, with fewer fees, will help temper fares, "but I don't know that we'll see a huge

reduction," Hobica said. Southwest Airlines Co. carries more passengers within the U.S. than any other airline, but only about 1 percent of its passenger-carrying capacity is on international routes.

That might not change much. CEO Gary Kelly said recently that international will be "a relatively modest component" of the airline's route system for the next several years.

Still, international flying and

expansion in New York, Washington and Dallas are important as Southwest tries to regain momentum. In recent years, it has dealt with high fuel prices, a tepid U.S. economy, and tougher competition from both old rivals and newcomers such as JetBlue and Spirit.

Dallas-based Southwest's traffic — the number of miles that passengers fly — grew by double-digit percentages from 2004 through 2006. □

CoreLogic: US home prices rose more slowly in May

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. home prices rose in May compared with a year earlier, but the gains have slowed. Data provider CoreLogic said Tuesday that prices increased 8.8 percent in May compared with 12 months earlier. The pace of gains has slowed as more homes have come onto the market, according to CoreLogic.

On a month-to-month basis, prices rose 1.2 percent from April to May. But CoreLogic's monthly figures aren't adjusted for seasonal patterns, such as warmer weather, which can affect sales.

Prices increased the most in Western states, including Hawaii, California and Nevada.

Home sales began to stall



This photo shows a home for sale in the Coconut Grove neighborhood of Miami. U.S. home prices rose in May compared with a year earlier, but the gains have slowed. Data provider CoreLogic said Tuesday that prices increased 8.8 percent in May compared with 12 months earlier.

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

in the middle of last year after double-digit price increases and higher mortgage rates made real estate less affordable for many people.

But sales rose last month as price gains have moderated and mortgage rates have dipped.

Sales of existing homes climbed 4.9 percent in May to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.89 million homes, according to the National Association of Realtors. However, sales are down 5 percent year-over-year. The Realtors forecast that sales of existing homes will decline 2.8 percent this year to 4.95 million, compared with 5.1 million in 2013. Sluggish sales, in turn, will slow annual price gains this year to roughly 5 percent or 6 percent, economists predict. □

Regulatory filings show fight to lead American Apparel

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The turmoil at American Apparel, the retailer that ousted its chief executive last month, heated up again this week as regulatory filings revealed the intense jockeying for control of the company by its founder and its board of directors.

The filings revealed that Dov Charney, the company's founder and former chief executive, called for a shareholders' meeting last week to try to increase the number of directors on the board to 15, from six.

The company rejected his request, according to the filing, because he had already been suspended as chief executive and had no authority to call the meeting. Charney's contract requires a 30-day suspension period before he can be formally terminated.

Last week, documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission revealed that Charney had teamed up with an investment firm, Standard General, to buy shares in the company to shake up the board. The plan was for Standard General to ac-

quire shares and then lend Charney the money to buy them to augment his own stake, which, according to the latest regulatory filings, stands at 27 percent. Standard General began buying shares last week, although it is not yet clear exactly how many it bought. In response, American Apparel instituted a shareholder rights plan, often called a poison pill, that makes it more difficult for investors to buy a large stake in a company. Under that plan, if an investor were to buy enough stock to hit a certain threshold,

the pill would cause the market to be flooded with inexpensive shares, diluting the value of existing shares. In this case, there are two triggers: If a group acquires 15 percent of the company's shares, the pill is activated. The second trigger is activated if a person or group that already owns at least 15 percent of the company's shares - like Charney - acquires even 1 percent more. So if Charney acquires any additional shares, either by himself or by working with others, the plan will be started. What makes this situation

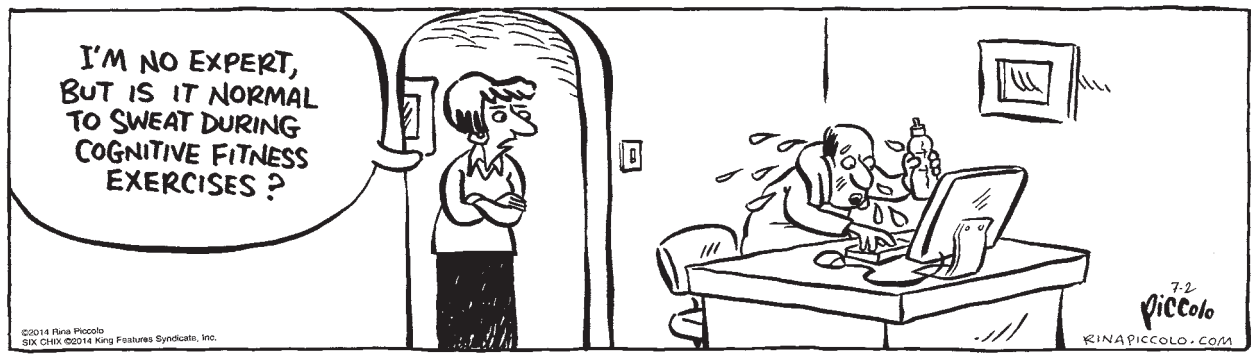
unique is a provision that says this poison pill will also be activated if Charney takes steps beyond his initial agreement with Standard General to take hold of its shares.

In the meantime, American Apparel faces pressure from one of its longtime lenders. According to a person familiar with the situation, Lion Capital has asked American Apparel to repay a \$10 million loan, which included a provision that said if Charney were no longer chief executive, the loan could be declared to be in default. □

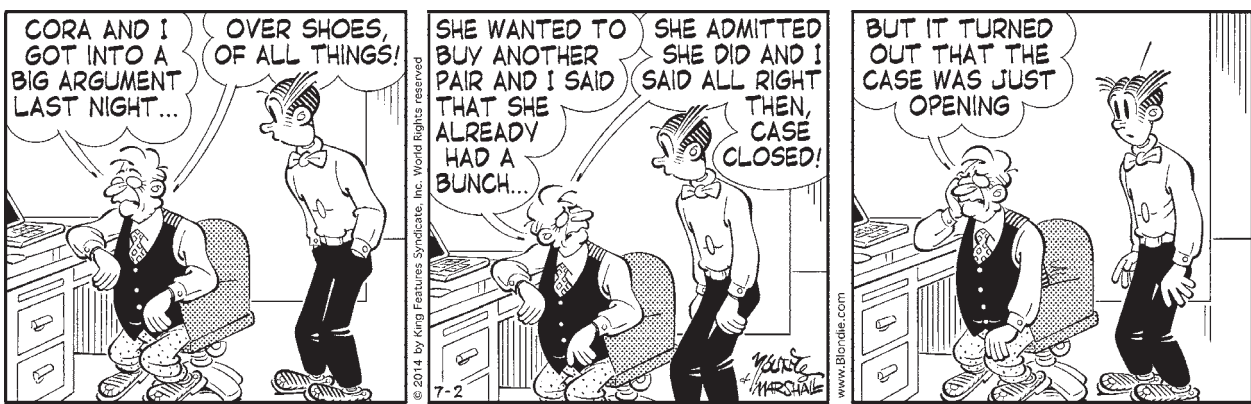
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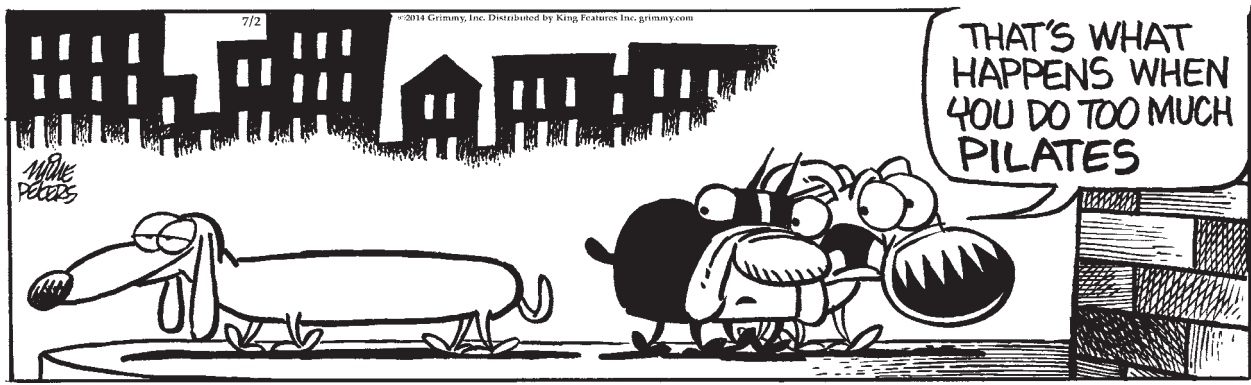
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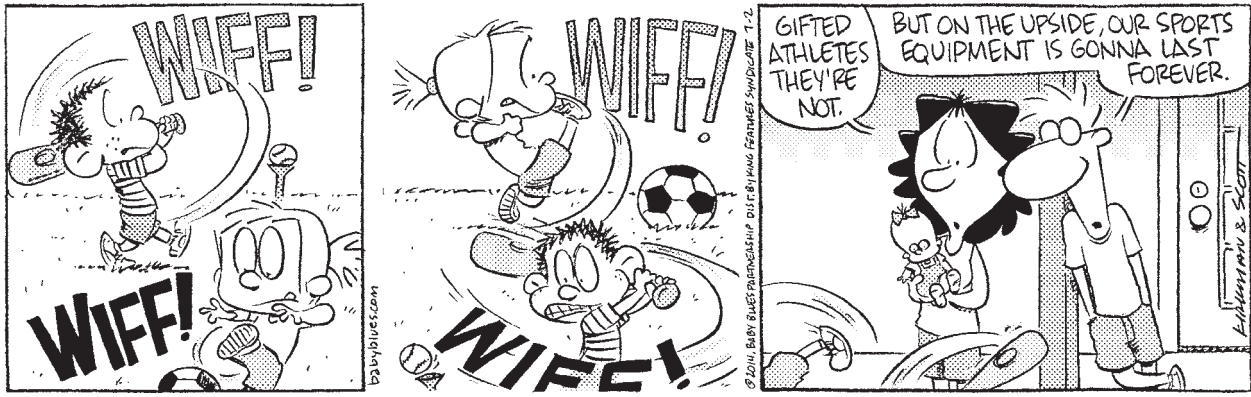
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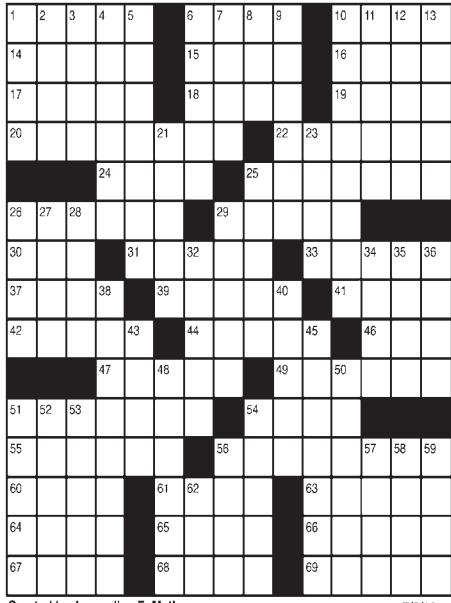
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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 - 41 Edinburgh man
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 - 46 Greek letter
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Fracking study finds new gas wells leak more

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WASHINGTON (AP) — In the state of Pennsylvania's gas drilling boom, newer and unconventional wells leak far more often than older and traditional ones, according to a study of state inspection reports for 41,000 wells.

The results suggest that leaks of methane could be a problem for drilling across the nation, said study lead author Cornell University engineering professor Anthony Ingraffea, who heads an environmental activist group that helped pay for the study.

The research was criticized by the energy industry. Marcellus Shale Coalition spokesman Travis Windle said it reflects Ingraffea's "clear pattern of playing fast and loose with the facts."

The Marcellus shale formation of plentiful but previously hard-to-extract trapped natural gas stretches over Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New York.

The study was published Monday by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

A team of four scientists analyzed more than 75,000 state inspections of gas wells done in Pennsylvania since 2000.

Overall, older wells — those drilled before 2009 — had a leak rate of about 1 percent. Most were traditional wells, drilling straight down. Unconventional wells — those drilled horizontally and commonly referred to as fracking — didn't come on the scene until 2006 and quickly took over.



This July 27, 2011 file photo shows a farmhouse in the background framed by pipes connecting pumps where the hydraulic fracturing process in the Marcellus Shale layer to release natural gas was underway at a Range Resources site in Claysville, Pa.

Associated Press

Newer traditional wells drilled after 2009 had a leak rate of about 2 percent; the rate for unconventional wells was about 6 percent, the study found.

The leak rate reached as high as nearly 10 percent horizontally drilled wells for before and after 2009 in the northeastern part of the state, where drilling is hot and heavy.

The researchers don't know where the leaky methane goes — into the water or the air, where it could be a problem worsening man-made global warming.

The scientists don't know the size of the leaks or even

their causes and industry officials deny that they are actual leaks. The study calls it "casing and cement impairment," but the study's lead author says that is when methane is flowing outside the pipe.

"Something is coming out of it that shouldn't, in a place that it shouldn't," said Ingraffea, who has been part of a team of Cornell researchers finding problems with fracking. Also, Ingraffea heads a group of scientists and engineers that has criticized fracking and two of his co-authors are part of the group.

The study didn't discuss why the leak rate spiked. Ingraffea said it could be because corners are being cut as drilling booms, better inspections or the way the

gas is trapped in the rock formation.

Pennsylvania regulatory officials said their records show that gas leaks peaked in 2010 and are on the way down again, reflecting their efforts to stress proper cementing practices. Further in 2011, the state focused more on unconventional wells to make leak protection efforts "more stringent," wrote Morgan Wagner, a spokesman for the state environmental agency.

Energy industry officials attacked the study and Ingraffea.

Chris Tucker, spokesman for industry-supported group Energy In Depth, said what they measured may not be leaks but state inspectors detecting pressure buildup.

"The trick these researchers are pulling here is conflating pressure with leakage, trying to convince folks that the mere existence of the former is evidence of the latter," Tucker wrote in an email.

But outside scientists, even pro-drilling ones, praised the study.

Terry Engelder of Pennsylvania State University, a pioneering supporter of the Marcellus fracking boom, said it shows there is plenty of room for improving drilling safety.

"It clearly indicates that there is a problem with the production" of the wells, said University of California Santa Barbara engineering professor and methane expert Ira Leifer, who wasn't part of the study.

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Watergate as seen through eyes of Dick Cavett show

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AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — PBS is marking the 40th anniversary of President Richard Nixon's resignation by running a documentary on the Watergate scandal as seen through the prism of Dick Cavett's late-night talk show at the time.

People with memories of Watergate remember developments unfolding on the evening news or the gripping Senate hearings shown on daytime TV, but fewer recall that Cavett's ABC program featured appearances by an array of pivotal figures. Even the former host.

"I didn't remember how much there was," Cavett told The Associated Press on Monday. "I watched some of it the other day and they were new to me." From 1972 to 1974, Cavett interviewed many major Watergate figures, including Nixon aides John Ehrlichman, Alexander Haig, G. Gordon Libby and Jeb Magruder, as well as several members of the Senate committee investigating the case. Cavett's show even taped a special edition from the room where the Senate hearings were held.

The documentary "Dick Cavett's Watergate" features fresh interviews with reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, former Nixon aide John Dean and Cavett. PBS announced Tuesday it would air Aug. 8 at 9 p.m. EDT — 40 years to the hour after Nixon announced to the nation that he was quitting.

"I had no choice" but to spend time on it, Cavett, 77, recalled. "It was just the most fascinating thing in the world."

Cavett's coverage didn't earn him friends in high places. He's mentioned in Nixon's infamous White House tapes some 26 times, including once when the president mused aloud in colorful language about ways the government could get back at him. Cavett later learned that virtually every member of his program's staff had their



This Aug. 1, 1973 photo released by PBS shows host Dick Cavett of "The Dick Cavett Show," center, on location in the Senate Watergate Committee hearing room in Washington with Committee Vice-Chairman, Sen. Howard Baker, left, and Sen. Lowell Weicker. Associated Press

tax returns audited.

"It's a strange feeling to see the most powerful man in the world, not yet a criminal one, denouncing you," he said. "It's kind of a creepy feeling."

He had no explanation for why so many members of the administration came on his show, since he was clearly no friend. A clip of an Ehrlichman appearance shows the Nixon aide looking at Cavett with barely disguised contempt. In one passage, the just-confirmed Vice President Gerald Ford tells Cavett that based on the evidence he'd been shown, he saw no criminal wrong-

doing on the part of the White House.

Cavett asked Ford in 1979, after he'd left the presidency, if he felt he'd been duped. "I got a raw deal," Ford replied.

Yet the program also shows how the passage of time changes opinions. Former Washington Post reporter Bernstein was furious when Ford pardoned Nixon, yet decades later he sees the wisdom in that decision, said John Scheinfeld, the documentary's producer. Scheinfeld, who produced a well-regarded theatrical documentary on the U.S. government's pursuit of John Lennon, was brought

in by Robert Bader, who has combed through Cavett's tapes for various projects. Scheinfeld said the Cavett tapes provided an interesting way to get inside an oft-told tale.

"We're not just regurgitating things that everyone knows," he said. "There's a freshness to it."

Cavett's low ratings at the time didn't make him popular with ABC executives. His concentration on Watergate probably didn't help — competitor Johnny Carson had Charo as a guest the night Cavett did his show from the Senate hearing room — but Cavett said he was shielded from

most of what the network was saying about him.

It's a far different late-night world today. A Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert may have talked about Watergate, but it's difficult to imagine any non-news program investing in the time Cavett used for conversations in those days.

He doesn't necessarily view that as a point of pride.

"If anything, the fact that we're a country that elected a man to the presidency why, by right, should have been in striped pajamas if Gerald Ford hadn't pardoned him, is kind of shameful for everybody," Cavett said.



In this July 29, 2013 file photo, actor Robin Williams participates in the "The Crazy Ones" panel at the 2013 CBS Summer TCA Press Tour at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. Associated Press

Robin Williams pursues ongoing 12-step treatment

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robin Williams is reconnecting with the 12-step program during a brief stay at a Minnesota facility.

A spokeswoman for the 62-year-old actor-comedian says Williams planned the visit as a respite to recharge after more than 18 straight months of work.

Publicist Mara Buxbaum said Williams is "taking the opportunity to fine-tune and focus on his continued commitment, of which he remains extremely proud."

Williams has been open about the challenges of maintaining sobriety. He sought treatment in 2006 when he relapsed and returned to drinking after 20 years.

Williams stars in the CBS series "The Crazy Ones" and the film "The Angriest Man in Brooklyn," which was released in May. He has several other projects in the works, including another installment of "Night at the Museum."

Cameron Diaz bares all in 'Sex Tape' movie



This magazine cover image released by Esquire shows actress Cameron Diaz on the August issue of the men's magazine, on newsstands on July 18, 2014, the same day Diaz's new movie, "Sex Tape," hits theaters.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Cameron Diaz does something she's never done before in her upcoming movie, "Sex Tape."

She gets naked on camera.

It's a first for the 41-year-old actress, who described the experience to Esquire magazine as "just a part of the role."

She says her co-star Jason Segel also gets nude on-screen.

In "Sex Tape," Diaz and Segel play a bored married couple who decide to spice up things by filming a sex tape. After it's accidentally leaked, they try to get it back.

She also has a labor scene in the film. Diaz has been open about not wanting children in real life, saying she never really wanted to be a mother.

The August issue of Esquire goes on sale July 8. □

Richard Armitage goes from 'Hobbit' to 'Crucible'



In this Thursday, June 26, 2013 photo, British actor Richard Armitage poses for the photographer at the Old Vic theatre in London.

Associated Press

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — It's a long way from Middle Earth to 17th-century Massachusetts, but Richard Armitage has made the journey — and found a surprising link. The British actor — dwarf warrior Thorin Oakenshield in Peter Jackson's "Hobbit"

trilogy — is now starring at London's Old Vic Theatre as John Proctor, the decent man in a world gone mad in "The Crucible," Arthur Miller's modern classic about the Salem witch trials.

The play recounts the mania that swept a community of colonists in 1692, which

resulted in 20 people being executed for witchcraft.

It's a change of pace, to say the least. Armitage says the "The Hobbit" is "a big machine that you get to play a little cog in." In "The Crucible," Proctor — decent, tormented and flawed — is the center of the audience's attention.

"I can feel that the audience are breathing his breath as they watch the play," Armitage said. The show, in previews, opens Thursday.

But the actor says "there are threads and arteries" connecting the worlds of Miller and J.R.R. Tolkien — including their operatic scale.

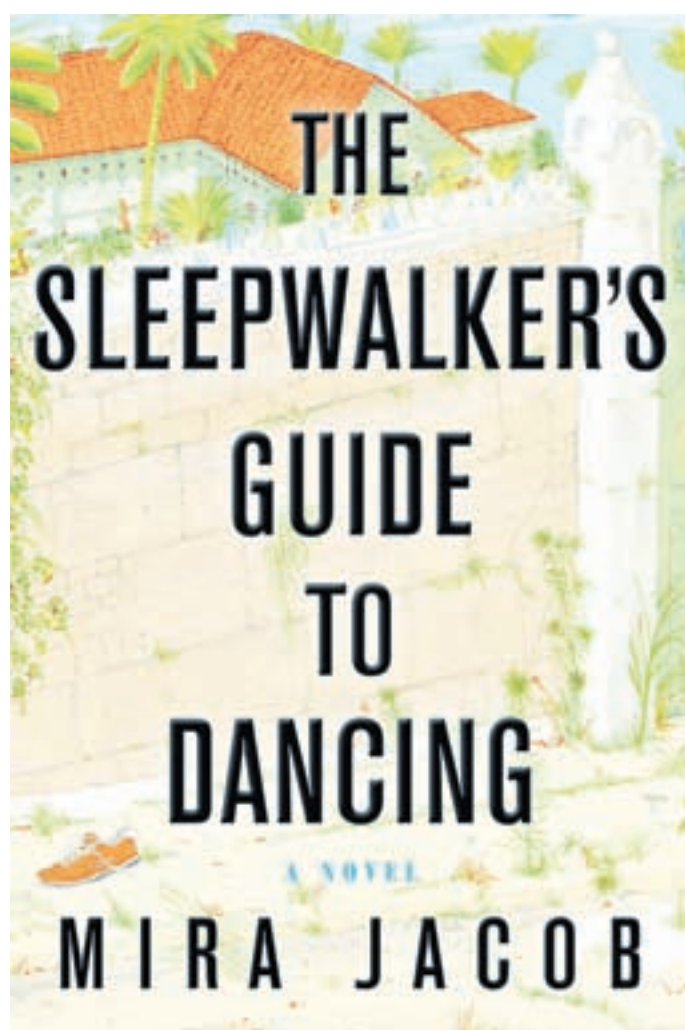
"At the end of the second act of that opera ("The Hobbit"), my character says, 'If this is to end in fire then we will all burn together.' And in exactly the same place in Miller's work — and it definitely wasn't plagiarized — I say, 'We will burn, we will burn together.'"

Armitage, 42, admits to being a little apprehensive about his return to the stage after a dozen years in television and movies. He'll soon be onscreen in "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies" and in the tornado thriller "Into the Storm."

Armitage, who once had himself water-boarded for a torture scene, took a similarly hands-on approach while preparing for "The Crucible." "I went and worked with some cows," said Armitage. He also visited Salem. Although he found the tourist site there a bit disappointing — "Disneyland for witches" — he called the village "quite magical." "Seeing the actual bricks and mortar ... It's just something that connects you to the reality of real people that this happened to," he said.

"We think, 'Oh it's a period piece about some kind of hysteria about witches,'" he added. "(But) it's here today in civilized Western societies. □

'Sleepwalker's Guide' is a beautiful family saga



MICHELLE SCHERAGA
Associated Press

At the start of Mira Jacob's beautiful debut, "The Sleepwalker's Guide to Dancing," Amina Eapen's mother summons her home to Albuquerque, New Mexico, claiming that her father is acting strangely (though it's possible the real reason Kamala wants her daughter home is so she can set her up with a doctor). When Amina arrives, however, she learns that her father's condition is more serious than her mother let on, and bears some connection to the feud 20 years earlier with the family back in Salem, India, that permanently estranged Thomas Eapen from his mother

and brother.

Even as it deals with weighty, dark subjects like loss and grief, and the struggles of an immigrant family, Jacob's novel is light and optimistic, unpretentious and refreshingly witty. Jacob has created characters with evident care and treats them with gentleness even as they fight viciously with each other. Her prose is sharp and true and deeply funny. The book is 500 pages long and had I the luxury of time I would have read it in one sitting. This is the literary fiction I will be recommending to everyone this summer, especially those who love multigenerational, multicultural family sagas. □

This book cover image released by Random House shows "The Sleepwalker's Guide to Dancing," by Mira Jacob.

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Stopping Campus Rape



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In the debate over sexual violence on college campuses, two things are reasonably clear. First, campus rape is a grave, persistent problem, shadowing rowdy state schools and cozy liberal-arts campuses alike.

Second, nobody - neither anti-rape activists, nor their critics, nor the administrators caught in between - seems to have a clear and compelling idea of what to do about it.

The immediate difficulty is that what many activists want from colleges - a disciplinary process that leads to many more expulsions for sexual assault - is something schools are ill equipped to offer. As Michelle Goldberg acknowledges in a judicious article for *The Nation*, dealing with serious crimes in a setting that normally handles minor infractions risks a worst-of-both-worlds scenario: a process whose lack of professionalism leaves victims more "devastated than vindicated," even as its limited protections for the accused lead to endless lawsuits claiming kangaroo-court treatment.

The deeper problem, which applies for courts of law as well, is that even with a near-perfect justice system, sexual assault on campus often happens in a context that by its nature defies easy adjudication. Most campus assaults involve incapacitation, usually involving alcohol, rather than brute force; most involve friends and acquaintances and partners and exes; and most women assaulted while under the influence do not themselves use the word "rape" to describe what happened. As long as these patterns persist, it is difficult to see any disciplinary or legal change that would inspire substantially more formal accusations, let alone clear and airtight verdicts.

But this does not mean our society is helpless against sexual violence on campus. Rather, we're searching ineffectively for better after-the-fact responses because we aren't willing to deal with some of the root causes, or upset the underlying legal and cultural status quo. As examples, here are three shifts I suspect would, in combination, do more to reduce the rate of sexual assault than any disciplinary change being contemplated. The first would require action by legislators; the other two, by administrators. Probably none of them will happen; all of them, in theory, could.

First, our lawmakers could reduce the legal drinking age to 18 from 21. The key problem in college sexual culture right now isn't drinking per se; it's blackout drinking,

which follows from binge drinking, which is more likely to happen when a drinking culture is driven underground.

Undoing the federal government's Reagan-era imposition of a higher drinking age is probably too counterintuitive for lawmakers to contemplate. And obviously it wouldn't eliminate the lure of the keg stand or tame the recklessness of youth. But it would create an opportunity for a healthier approach to alcohol consumption - more social and relaxed, less frantic and performative - to take root in collegiate culture once again. Second, college administrators could try to break their schools' symbiotic relationship with the on-campus party scene. This is not an easy task, mostly for financial reasons: The promise of Blutarskian excess often attracts the kind of well-heeled kids whose parents pay full freight, and the "party pathway" through academe involves two intertwined phenomena - big-time sports and wild Greek life - that basically define college for many deep-pocketed alums. But what Murray Sperber has dubbed the "beer and circus" atmosphere around college athletics, combined with what Caitlin Flanagan's recent *Atlantic* article terms "the dark power" of (some) fraternities, are the deep forces shaping the vulnerable trajectory of many campus nights. Weaken those forces, rein in their often-misogynistic excesses, and what's lost in alumni dollars would probably be gained in lower rates of sexual violence, and a safer campus over all.

Finally, colleges could embrace a more limited version of the old "parietal" system, in which they separated the sexes and supervised social life. This could involve, for instance, establishing more single-sex dorms and writing late-night rules that apply identically to men and women. Bringing a visitor to your room after 10 p.m. or midnight might require signing in with an adult adviser, who would have the right to intervene when inebriation seemed to call consent and safety into question. This need not represent a return to any kind of chastity-based ethic. The point would be to create hurdles for predators, clearer decision points for both sexes and - in the event that someone sneaked an intended partner in, and the encounter ended badly - a reason short of a rape conviction to discipline or expel.

Colleges have gestured in this direction with programs encouraging bystanders to step in if a pairing-off seems to be turning sour or violent. But taking on a formal, chapter-one-like role themselves would cut against the ideological spirit of the modern university, and no doubt would be widely denounced as puritanical, heteronormative, reactionary.

Embracing such a role, though, would probably make the typical campus a place of greater safety than it is today.

So as this debate continues, it's an alternative worth pondering. There are ways, apart from ineffective tribunals, to reduce sexual violence on campus. We just aren't ready to embrace them. □



The Mideast's Arsonists and Firefighters



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What's the real fight in the Middle East today? Is it just sectarian (Sunnis versus Shiites) and national (Israelis versus Palestinians and Arabs versus Persians)? Or is it something deeper? I was discussing this core question with Nader Mousavizadeh, a former senior United Nations official and the co-founder of Macro Advisory Partners, a geopolitical advisory firm, and he offered another framework: "The real struggle in the region," he said, "is between arsonists and firefighters."

There is a lot of truth in that. The sectarian and nationalist fires you see burning around the Middle East are not as natural and inevitable as you may think.

"These are deliberate acts of arson," argues Mousavizadeh, "set by different leaders to advance their narrow and shortsighted political, economic and security objectives." In the West, he warns, "a mix of fatigue and fatalism is in danger of creating a narrative of irreversible Sunni-Shia conflict. This is historically false and releases the region's leaders from their responsibility to wield power in a legitimate and accountable way." To be sure, he added, the sectarian divides are real, but it is "not inevitable" that the region erupt in sectarian conflagration. It takes arsonists to really get these sectarian fires blazing, and, "unless they set them and fan them and give them fuel," they will more often than not die out.

How so? Bashar al-Assad, Syria's president, is an arsonist. When

confronted with a nonviolent, grass-roots protest against his tyrannical rule, he opened fire on the demonstrators, hoping that would provoke Syria's Sunni majority to respond with violence against his Alawite/Shiite minority regime. It worked, and now Assad presents himself as the defender of a secular Syria against Sunni fanatics.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is an arsonist. The minute America left Iraq, he deliberately arrested Sunni leaders, deprived them of budgets and stopped paying the Sunni tribesmen who rose up against al-Qaida. When this eventually triggered a Sunni response, Maliki ran in the last election as the defender of the Shiite majority against Sunni "terrorists." It worked.

Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi of Egypt launched a violent crackdown against the Muslim Brotherhood, killing, wounding and arresting many hundreds, and then he ran for president as the defender of Egypt against Muslim Brotherhood "terrorists."

The Palestinian extremists who recently kidnapped three Israeli youths were arsonists, aiming to blow up any hope of restarting Israeli-Palestinian peace talks and to embarrass Palestinian moderates. But they had help. Radical Jewish settler supporters in the Israeli Cabinet, like Naftali Bennett and housing minister Uri Ariel, are arsonists. Ariel deliberately announced plans to build 700 new housing units for Jews in Arab East Jerusalem - timed to torpedo Secretary of State John Kerry's shuttle diplomacy. And they did.

There are firefighters in all these places - people like Tzipi Livni and Shimon Peres in Israel, former Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, Mohammad Javad Zarif in Iran and Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani in Iraq - but they are now overwhelmed by the passions set loose by the arsonists. It is hard for people who have not lived in the Arab world to appreciate that Shiites and Sunnis in places like Iraq, Lebanon or Bahrain

often intermarry. Those that do are jokingly called "Sushi." Sectarian massacres are not the norm. A poll just released by Zogby Research Services, conducted in seven Arab countries, found that "strong majorities in every country favor U.S. policies that support a negotiated solution to the conflict (in Syria), coupled with more support for Syrian refugees. Majorities in all countries oppose any form of U.S. military engagement" or arming of opposition groups.

I recently gave the commencement address at the American University of Iraq, Sulaimani, in Kurdistan. Its student body is 70 percent Kurdish, and the rest are mostly Shiites and Sunnis from across Iraq. With the right leadership, people in the region can and do get along. It is why for all the talk of breaking Iraq into three parts, it is has never been the preferred choice of most Iraqis.

As one of my Kurdish hosts remarked to me, "The Shiites of Basra still long for the famous yogurt of Irbil," Kurdistan's largest city. "When Ramadan comes, the Kurds will feel deprived if they cannot break the daily fast with the famous dates of Basra." And Kurds have come to enjoy "shisha," smoking water pipes, which are a tradition they got from the Arabs. There are more ties that bind than don't. You actually have to work at burning them up. To be sure, harmony between different sects requires order, but it does not have to be iron-fisted. Iraqis just last April held fair elections on their own. They can do it. These societies need to go from being governed by iron fists "to iron institutions that are legitimate, inclusive and accountable, and strong enough to hold the frame of society together," argued Mousavizadeh.

That requires the right leadership. "So when the region's leaders come to Washington to plead for engagement and intervention, ask for money or ask for arms," he added, "Let them first answer the question: Are you an arsonist or are you a firefighter?" □

For Owners and Brokers, Internet Rentals Upend the Hamptons

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EAST HAMPTON, N.Y. - The photos could hardly do the place justice, and not just because they were pixelated. No picture could have captured those strands of silver and gold shooting through the clouds as the sun set over Lake Montauk, the sloops and fishing boats bobbing alongside the once-rare-now-everywhere yachts. It was paradise, for only \$224 a night. And it was against the law.

The East End of Long Island has long been one of the most sought-after summertime escapes, one generally out of reach for the average vacationer as fishing villages and farms have become playgrounds for the

six figures for one month is not extraordinary. But as in New York City, where some sites, notably Airbnb, have come under scrutiny, in the town of East Hampton, which includes the villages of Sag Harbor, Amagansett, Springs and Montauk, many listings blatantly violate local laws severely restricting short-term rentals. "If you're staying for a month or two, you probably want to behave yourself and be a good neighbor, but if it's just for a weekend, it's probably just to party," Fran Donovan, a local mental health therapist, said Thursday while enjoying an iced tea at the Golden Pear Cafe on Newtown Lane. Donovan said one of her patients' top anxieties these days

isn't, who gave his name as Chris, was participating in this new economy. He had just deposited a check for a one-week rental his wife had arranged through HomeAway.

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"We were kind of ignorant of the sites, but things weren't happening with the brokers, so we put it up online and were just flooded with offers," said Chris, who did not want to give his full name after he was informed that he might be

of multitudes of 20-somethings sleeping on air mattresses. But when the recession hit, and renters found maybe they did not have \$100,000 for the month of August, rental periods began getting shorter.

With the rise of the online operators, the trend grew, in part because the sites streamlined the process and cut out real estate agents, who traditionally served as gatekeepers.

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Teresa Euell, head of Town & Country brokerage's Montauk office, said there

he said, "so we have to get smart about how we pursue these cases."

The town started a website where residents can file complaints and hired Dave Betts, the former director of public safety in Southampton, who had helped tamp down short-term rentals there by requiring permits for all properties starting in 2008. In East Hampton, he is putting the town's adversaries, the websites, to use. "Sometimes, it's as simple as finding one too many reviews in a six-month period," Betts said.

Yet when even people in government eagerly rent out their places online - one town employee said a colleague was "making a killing," and a Suffolk County legislator, Jay Schneiderman, is advertising his Montauk three-bedroom on VRBO for \$1,000 a night, though with a 15-night minimum - the websites make the case that they are the good guys working to improve the marketplace.

"We help people afford their dream second home, and we help people afford their dream vacation, especially in these popular destinations where the rooms get booked up," said Jon Gray, a senior vice president at HomeAway.

Since 2010, the number of Hamptons listings on the site has doubled, to 2,061, with inquiries more than doubling as well. On Airbnb, which declined to comment, the number of listings was similar, though many owners list on multiple sites. Some have suggested the sites could use programming tactics to stop owners from skirting the law, such as by tracking the number of short-term rentals in East Hampton and forbidding more than two. The sites, however, counter that this would be too cumbersome.

"With a million properties, you end up having immensely different regulations," Gray said. "We're an advertising platform, not a taxing authority or regulatory agency, but we do try to inform our owners of their obligations all the same." □



An 1880s farmhouse in East Hampton, N.Y. which Cindy Tanenbaum bought last spring and now rents out on Airbnb, June 29, 2014. Tanenbaum's house is booked all summer -- legally -- but many other Hamptons homeowners are using online rental sites to skirt tight controls on short term rentals. (Gordon M. Grant/The New York Times)

rich. But the democratizing power of the Internet has turned more Hamptonites into prospering landlords, given visitors many more options and brokers many fewer, and left local officials busy trying to keep a cork on all the new activity. Websites like Airbnb, HomeAway, VRBO and even Craigslist are vastly reshaping the seasonal market, letting renters and owners transact for as little as \$75 a night in an area where

was the explosion of short-term rentals.

A house down the block from hers has already been rented out online to large parties twice this season. "Does my business benefit from people coming out? Of course," she said, referring to her seasonal clients. "But it seems like everyone's trying to ride the gravy train, and if they're not careful, it's going to crash." Next door to the Golden Pear, another local resi-

dent, who gave his name as Chris, was participating in this new economy. He had just deposited a check for a one-week rental his wife had arranged through HomeAway.

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